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TO WHICH IS ADDED SOME ACCOUNT OF HIS ANCESTRY, COLLATERAL BRANCHES, ORIGIN OF THE FAMILY NAME, ANCIENT PEDIGREES, WILLS, ETC. ETC.

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Origin of the Name, Etc.

THE most ancient allusion to the name of Briggs that I have been able to discover, is found in the county of Norfolk, in England, a history of which county by Blomefield contains the following:

"In the chapel of St. Anne, at the upper end of the south aisle, on the right hand of the entrance of the new vestry, is a mural monument of white marble, erected to the memory of Augustine Briggs, Esq., descended from an ancient family at Salle, in Norfolk, who *before* the time of Edward I. (1272), assumed the surname of *De Ponte* or *Pontibus*, *i. e.*, '*at Brigge*,' or '*at Brigges*;' as the ancient family of the *Fountains*, of the same place, assumed theirs of *De Fonte* or *Fontibus*, *i. e.*, 'at the fountain or fountains,' much about the same time; the one dwelling, I presume, by the springs or fountain head, and the other by the bridge or bridges over the currents that came from them: the eldest branches of both which families continued in Salle till they united in one, as appears by the following pedigree.

"The first of this family that I have met with was—

1. WILLIAM ATTE BRIGGE, *of Salle*, called in some deeds *William de Ponte de Salle*, and in others *De Pontibus de Salle*, and the last mention I find of him is, that he was living at Salle in 1334. His children were:

I. 2. WALTER BRIGGS, clerk, living 1389.

II. 3. JOHN atte BRIGGE, Esq., of Salle, A° 1383.

III. 4. ROBERT atte BRIGGE, living 1493 (?).

IV. 5. THO: BRYGGE, of Holt, living 1400. In 1392, he went to the Holy Sepulchre of our Lord with Sir Thomas Swinbourne, Kn't, an account of which pilgrimage, written by himself, is still extant in a MSS. in Caius College Library, which begins thus: "*A° MCCCLXXXXIJ vj Aug., die Martis, ego Thomas Bryggs recessi de Castro de Gynes versus Sanctum Sepulchrum cum Comitava Domini mei Dui Tho: Swynbourne, Militus de Anglia, et veni Venecias, die Dominica, etc.*"

V. 6. WILL: atte BRIGGE, of Holt, living 1401.

John atte Brigge (II. 3) had children—

I. 7. John Brygge, Esq., son and heir, living 1454.
II. 8. Edmund Brigges.

Will: atte Brigge (V. 6) had children—

I. 9. William, son and heir, living in 1466.
II. 10. Sir John Brigge, chaplain, buried 1481.

John Brygge (I. 7), m. 1, Eleanor ———, and had—

I. 11. Thomas Briggs, of Salle, Esq., will dated 1494.
II. 12. Henry atte Brygge, living 1476.
III. 13. George Brigge, of Salle.

Had dau. Agnes, who died about 1540. His 2nd wife was Margaret (dau. and co-heir of a Rockwood), who survived her husband, and had—

IV. 14. Will: Bryggs, of Thetford; m. Margaret ———; no issue; was Mayor there 1480–1 and at other times, and was a man of figure and fortune.

V. 15. Margaret Briggs.
VI. 16. Thomas Briggs.

The will of John Brygge (I. 7) orders his executors "to sell to the Prior of St. Mary of Thetford," certain lands, and assign "40 marks to celebrate his anniversary in that monastery; every monk in priest's orders attending there to have 12d., and each other 6d., as long as the money lasted."

He lies buried in the south aisle of Salle church, with his effigy in a winding sheet on a brass plate, and this under it:

"Here lyeth John Brygge vnder this Marbil ston
Whos sowle our Lord Jesu have mercy vpon
For in this World worthily he lived many a Day
And here has Bodi as beried and cowched vnder Clay
Lo! Frindes see, whatever ye be, pray for me, I you pray
As ye me se, in such Degre, so schal ye be, another day."

Edmund Brigges (II. 8), had an estate settled on him in Westmoreland, and is probably the ancestor of the family in that county.

Sir John Brigge, *chaplain* (II. 10), in 1438 was Rector of St. Lawrence, in Norwich, was Rector of Dickleburg in 1466, and in 1466 was Rector of Berford, where he died and was buried, 1481.

THOMAS BRYGGS, *of Salle, Esq.*, (I. 11,) by his will dated 1494, "founded a chantry priest to sing for his soul for 10 years after his decease." He married twice: 1, Margaret, dau. and co-heir of Beaupré, and 2, Margaret ——. His children were—

I. 17. EDWARD BRIGGE, of Salle, Esq.; d. before his father.

II. 18. THO: BRIGGS, s. t. p., Rector of Bishop's Eccles.; d. there 1550.

III. 19. WILL: BRYGGS, a canon of the Holy Sepulchre at Thetford; subscribed the supremacy 1534.

THOMAS BRYGGS' (I. 11) wives are buried before the altar in St. James' Church, at Salle, beneath this inscription: "*Orate pro animabus Thome Bregge, et Margarete, ar Margagarete Trorum eius quorum animabus propicietur deus. Amen.*" Thomas was interred in the Church of the Friars Minors, at Norwich, and he gave them 100 marks to sing daily for his own and his ancestors' souls.

EDWARD BRIGGE (I. 17), of Salle, Esq.; left issue by Cecily, dau. of Edward Moore, of Norfolk, Esq.:

I. 20. JOHN BRIGGS, of Salle, Esq., son and heir.

II. 21. THO: BRYGGE, of North Wotten, Esq., anno 1546.

III. 22. HEN: BRYGGS, anno 1501.

IV. 23. WILL: BRYGGS, Prior of the Black Friars, anno 1507.

V. 24. SIR THOMAS BRYGGS, clerk, Rector of Brisingham, 1539; D. D., 1549; Chaplain to the Lady Mary, sister of King Edward VI. and Queen after him; was Vicar of Kenninghall, and in 1556 Vicar of Windham.

JOHN BRIGGS (I. 20), m. a dau. of Thomas Quaplode, and had

I. 25. JAMES BRIGGS, of Salle, Esq.

THO: BRYGGE (II. 21), m. Elizabeth Mounteyn, and had ch.:

I. 26. AUGUSTINE.

II. 27. OLIVER, who settled in Salop; d. 1596.

III. 28. SAMUEL, of Wakefield, York; of King's College, Cambridge.

IV. 29. HENRY, mathematician, Prof. Geometry in Oxford; born at Warley Wood, Halifax, York, 1556; d. 26 Jan. 1630. "In 1617 visited Napier at Edinburgh, and induced him to make that change in his recently invented system of logarithms, which has made logarithms one of the most practical useful inventions of that age."—*Appleton's Cyclopædia.*

JAMES BRIGGS (I. 25), m. Mary, dau. of Tho: Estoteville or Stutevile, of Suffolk, and had dau. and sole heiress Mary, who m. John Fountain, of Salle, Esq. (This consummated the union of the Briggs and Fountain families, alluded to at the commencement of this extract.) Their eldest son at his baptism had his mother's surname given him.

AUGUSTINE BRIGGS (I. 26), settled in Norwich 1626, m. and had son—

I. 30. AUGUSTINE; b. 1617; d. and buried at Norwich 1684.

OLIVER BRIGGS (II. 27), m. dau. of Humphrey Coningsby, of Newsolers, Esq., and had son—

I. 31. HUMPHREY, Esq., High Sheriff of Salop, 1605.

SAMUEL BRIGGS (III. 28), m. and had son—

I. 32. JOSEPH, A. M., Vicar of Kirkburton, York.

AUGUSTINE BRIGGS, (I. 30), m. Elizabeth Aldred, who d. before him. He being strenuous for his royal master (Charles I) in the late rebellion, was turned out of the Court of Aldermen by the rebels, but was restored again at the Restoration, and elected Sheriff that very year (1660). He was one of those gentlemen who joined the Earl of Newcastle's forces in the siege of Lynn, in 1643. A sword is shown with a label in Briggs' own handwriting tied thereto: "This I wore at the Siege of Linn in the servis of the Royal Martyr K. Charles the first. A. Briggs." His children were: 1. AUGUSTINE, who d. 1704. 2. WILLIAM, b. 1650; d. at Town Malling, Kent, 4 Sep., 1704. He was a physician of great repute. In 1676 he published "Ophthalmology," and was soon after created M. D. at Cambridge. In 1682 he wrote his "Theory of Vision," and in 1685 published a Latin version of the same, at the request of Sir Isaac Newton, with whom he was intimate, and who wrote the preface thereto."—*Appleton's Cyclopædia.* 3. ALEXANDER. 4. RICHARD. 5. ROBERT. 6. JAMES. 7. MARY.

In the same work are given extracts from many wills of this family of Briggs, together with the localities of estates formerly in their possession, as also monumental inscriptions, etc., etc.

"Burke's Peerage" gives descriptions of the arms of the families of Briggs for different counties in England, including Westmoreland, York, Norfolk, Brecknock, London, Shropshire, etc., etc.

THE FIRST SETTLERS OF THE NAME IN AMERICA.

Clement Brigges, of Plymouth.

THE earliest mention of the name of Briggs in this country appears in the records of the Plymouth Colony, wherein one Clement Briggs is said to have reached this continent in the good ship "Fortune," of fifty-five tons burthen, on the 9th of November, 1621. He must have been a person of some importance in the colony, as he was thought worthy of "special mention" by Bradford, in his letter to John Winthrop, in 1631. Clement removed to Dorchester in 1630–1, where he united his fortunes with Miss Joan Allen in a matrimonial alliance; and the unfortunate Constable, Thomas Stoughton, who assisted in conferring this happiness upon the "first Briggs in America," was mulcted in the sum of five pounds for some infringement of the *azure* regulations of the Colony, by the court which held its sitting in the month of March, 1631.

Clement and his Joan resided in Dorchester but two years, whence he removed to Weymouth, where he is found to be a resident in the year 1633. Here the troubles of his married life, begun with such financial disaster (to the Constable) on his wedding day, were continued. He had several sons born unto him, and, as says the chronicle, which must carry sadness into all the families of the name at the present day: "Grievous is our feeling of regret at finding the court, in June, 1638, led to forbid the wife to come into the company of Arthur Warren, as we are compelled to fear the man was imprudent." This is another evidence of the sufferings and privations of our forefathers in their endeavors to settle and populate the Western Hemisphere. Clement must have had early relief from the presence of the "fickle Joan," and the annoyances of the Lothario mentioned, for we find, a few years later, 12,–23,–1648 (the date of Clement's will), that he had another wife, Elizabeth, which would indicate that Joan had either been "sent for," or disposed of by the divorce court.

His will was "testifyed vpon oath, 24,-8,-1650," before Mr. Bellingham, wherein he disposed of lands in Plymouth and Weymouth valued at "sume totall, £65, 7s." Elizabeth, relict of Clement, deposed 28th July, 1659.

Clement is the only Briggs who has been identified with any positive place of residence in England (the place of origin of all the first comers), and this only through the medium of an affidavit made before Thomas Prence, Governor, 29th August, 1638, in which Clement affirms that he was living, about the year 1616, "with Mr. Samuel Lathame, Barmundsey Streete, Southwarke, Englande." It is to be regretted that we know so little of the life and character of Clement Briggs which is undoubtedly owing to the fact that the daily papers of that period employed no one to write up obituary notices; but we may be consoled with the knowledge that he was a man who made "his mark," as witness the signature to his will.

Clement left a respectable family of boys, who are, in a great measure, responsible for the prevalence of the name in the State of Massachusetts, particularly in the eastern and southeastern counties.

His children, as shown by the ancient Colonial records, were:

2. THOMAS; born 14th June, 1633.
3. JONATHAN; born 14th June, 1635.
4. JOHN; born ———
5. DAVID; born August, 1640.
6. CLEMENT; born 1st January, 1643.
7. REMOND; born ———

All of whom (together with his wife, Elizabeth, executrix) are mentioned in the will before alluded to.

Jo: or John Brigges, of Sandwich.

The next early adventurer of the name, as shown by the records, was one Jo: or John Brigges, who was enrolled as a passenger for New England in the "Blessing, John Lester, Master," on the 13th July, 1635, at which period he was twenty years of age.

John settled at Sandwich, Massachusetts, where he evidently married one Katherine ———. He did not reside long at Sandwich, but died in the course of a few short years, leaving his widow, Katherine, in charge of his estate, amounting to £55 2s., and two children, Samuel and Sarah, to mourn his untimely end. His estate was administered on the 1st June, 1641.

The descendants of John, for obvious reasons, are not as numerous as those of Clement; but still there are many families in southeastern Massachusetts and

Rhode Island who attribute all their mundane troubles to the fact that John married Katherine, and settled at Sandwich.

Walter Briggs, of Scituate.

Another Briggs is found to be a resident of Scituate, Massachusetts, Walter by name, who is recorded in that town in the year 1643, as bearing arms. He purchased a farm there in 1651, of Mr. Timothy Hatherly, a prominent "real estate agent," and had the reputation of being "an useful man in the plantation." His will, dated 1684, names wife, Frances, and sons John, James and Cornelius, and a daughter, Hannah, who married a Winslow.

The sons of Walter partook of the military nature of their father, John being a captain, James a lieutenant, and Cornelius an ensign in "King Philip's war;" and I have no doubt assisted to the best of their ability in eliminating the aboriginal element from the soil of New England.

The sons of Walter had a numerous progeny, and their descendants may be found in nearly all the counties of southeastern Massachusetts.

John Briggs, of Newport, R. I.

The facts which I have been able to gather in reference to this individual are presented in full in the following pages, as he is the party from whom the Briggs, of East and West Chester, in the State of New York, are descended.

The sources from which this information has been gathered consist of the records, both town and colonial, of Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New York, together with such abstracts as I could procure from church and family registers, and such genealogies as have been published, and which contain any allusion to the name of Briggs.

The following Briggs' are mentioned in the early Colonial records; but I am of the opinion, from the varied orthography of their names, and the absence of any records showing them to be the ancestors of any later generations bearing the name of Briggs, that their names are Bridge, or Bridges, and that they are in no way connected with the Briggs family proper.

Bond's History of Watertown, Massachusetts, page 95: Beriah, son of Henry and Hannah Briggs, born 22d September, 1649.

Savage's Geneal. Dictionary: Edmund Briggs, of Topsfield, Massachusetts, 1667, who is also referred to in the same volume as Edmund Bridges, of the same place, who married, 11th January, 1660, Sarah Towne.

Dr. Savage also mentions Matthew Briggs, of Hingham, more commonly known as Matthias. This person is also mentioned on page 252, Volume II, of the New England Historical Geneal. Register, as Matthew Bridgges. He married, May, 1648, Deborah Cushing.

In Volume XXI, of Delaware papers in the archives of the State at Albany, New York, are a number of letters to and from one John Brigs, who resided at a place called Whorekill, in West Jersey, in the years 1678, 1679 and 1680, a copy of whose autograph is hereto appended.

First Generation.

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1. John Briggs,

Is found mentioned first at Newport, Rhode Island, where he was admitted a freeman, 1st October, 1638, according to the Colonial records; and in the following year, 30th April, 1639, he was made a citizen of the town of Portsmouth, on the island of Rhode Island. He was evidently a busy man in the governmental affairs of the Colony, as he is often alluded to in the records of the Colony of Rhode Island.

In Volume I of said records we find that he was a resident of Portsmouth in 1642; admitted a freeman of Aqueedneck, 1st, 8th month, 1640, and was living at Portsmouth in 1655. He, with two others of Portsmouth, were appointed commissioners for building a prison. He was also deputed "to take care of Thomas Gening's case, and to treat with his wife, and to declare ye court's mind concerning her, and to bring a true report to ye next Court of Trialls;" and also to examine the private arms of the settlers in Portsmouth.

In March, 1642, he was suspended in his vote till he had given satisfaction for his offenses. The "censure of suspicion," however, was remitted on the 19th of September, 1642. On the 16th of May, 1648, he was chosen an Assistant, or member of the General Court for Portsmouth. He was also appointed a commissioner for uniting the four towns of Providence Plantations, 31st August,

1654, and sat in the meetings of the Commission, September 12th, 1654, 22d May, 28th June, 1655; March 11th and March 17th, 1655–6.

He was a person of some fortune, as would appear from purchases of land made by him at various times. On the 6th of October, 1662, he purchased a tract of land at (Dartmouth) New Plymouth, of John Dunham, Sr., of Plymouth, the transfer of which is recorded in Colonial Record of Land Evidence (Rhode Island), Book I, page 264, in substance as follows:

John Dunham, Sen., of Plymouth, yeoman, for £42, to John Briggs, Sen., of Portſmouth, yeoman, all my lot or portion of land at Acuſhnet, Cookſet, and places adjacent in New Plymouth.

Conſented to, by Abigail, wife of ſaid John Dunham, Oct. 6, 1662.

NATHANIELL MORTON, } *Witneſſes.* JOHN DUNHAM. [SEAL.]
JONATHAN his + mark PRATT, }

This is probably the same tract of land a portion of which he deeded to Phillip Cumming, of Dartmouth, on the 20th June, 1687, as appears by Taunton Records, Book IV. p. 236.

In Book I, p. 268, Col. Land Evidence, appears the following disposal of land at Dartmouth by John Briggs:

John Briggs, Senr, of Portſmouth, yeoman, for love and affection, to his *ſecond ſon, Thomas Briggs*, and Mary, his wife, ¼ of a purchaſer's ſhare in Dartmouth (New Plymouth), at Ponaganſett, containing 35 acres, bounded N. by land given by me to *my ſon, John Briggs*, E. by the cove or creek, S. by land of me, ſaid John Briggs, Senr, W. by land lying in common, with meadows, uplands, &c., belonging to ſaid ¼ part.

If ſaid Thomas deceaſe, his ſaid wife Mary to enjoy the ſame, if ſhe continue a widow, during her life.

If ſaid Thomas or his wife Mary rent the ſame, I, or my ſucceſſors in my land adjoining, to have the refuſal. Mar. 11, 1678-9.

JOHN SANFORD, } *Witneſſes.* JOHN his L mark BRIGGS, SEN^R. [SEAL.]
RICHARD TARR, }

In the same book, pp. 201–202, occurs the following:

John Briggs, Senr, of Portſmouth, for love, etc., to my *eldeſt ſon John Briggs*, of Portſmouth, ½ of purchaſer's ſhare of land in Dartmouth, ſaid land adjoining to land of the Widow Fancy, at Ponaganſett. Condition that his wife Hannah, if ſhe ſurvive him, ſhall enjoy the ſame during her life, or while ſhe remains a widow. If ſhe marry again, then to *my grandſon John, ſecond ſon of my ſon John*, and his heirs male; and if he die without iſſue, then to my ſon John's *next younger ſon*, and ſo on. In caſe of failure of all, then to my *ſon John's eldeſt ſon Edward*, (all to male heirs,) and if he fail, to the neareſt heir male of my body, he paying to the *daughters of my ſon John*, or their heirs then living, £20, and to the others equivalent (in or as money). Oct. 14, 1679.

EDWARD his ⌐ mark LAY, } *Witneſſes.* JOHN his L mark BRIGGS, SEN^R. [SEAL.]
JOHN SANFORD, }

A further agreement concerning the above, on p. 205, is as follows:

And it is further agreed, and I, the within named John Briggs, Senr, do give and grant to my ſaid ſon John Briggs, and his heirs as within expreſſed, that the part or half of my ſaid ſhare of land within given, the bounds thereof ſhall comprehend and take in all the land in the ſaid ſhare which my ſon John hath broken up and cleared, although the ſaid bounds ſhould extend the one-half or moiety of the ſaid ſhare. Oct. 14, 1679.

EDWARD his mark LAY, } *Witneſſes.*
JOHN SANFORD,

JOHN his mark L BRIGGS, SEN^R. [SEAL.]
JOHN his mark A BRIGGS, JR. [SEAL.]

The will of *John Briggs, Senr*, of Portsmouth, as recorded in the Council Book of Portsmouth, R. I., Vol. II, p. 278, is dated 19 Apl., 1690, and was probated 9th mo., 17th, 1690, and is substantially as follows:

Item. I give and bequeath to my well beloved *ſon Enoch Briggs*, all and every part of my lands, hereditaments and Real Eſtate whatſoever, and wherefoever the ſame being, to me belonging, and the ſame to my ſon Enoch Briggs, his heirs and aſſigns forever; and I also give and bequeath unto my ſaid ſon Enoch Briggs, all and every part of my perſonal eſtate in goods, chattels, debts and monies whatſoever to me belonging, excepting only the payment of my juſt debts, and the ſeveral legacies by me herein given and bequeathed.

Item. I give and bequeath to my *oldeſt ſon John Briggs*, also to my *ſon Thomas Briggs*, to each of them one ſhilling in New England money. I alſo give and bequeath to my *daughter Suſanna Northway*, one ſhilling in money.

The *principal* reaſon of my bequeathing to my ſaid ſons and daughter one ſhilling, is to prevent their future claims to any part of my eſtate, they having long ſince received their portions and are *gone from me*

Item. I give and bequeath unto my *ſon Job Briggs*, three ewes and two weather lambs, and alſo two heifers, to be delivered unto him, or his lawful order, within twelve months after my deceaſe.

SECOND GENERATION.

The children of John Briggs, Senior, (1) and who survived him, would, by the foregoing evidence, appear to have been—

I. 2. JOHN; born ———
II. 3. THOMAS; born ———
III. 4. SUSANNA; born ———
IV. 5. ENOCH; born ———
V. 6. JOB; born ———

Third Generation.

1. 2. John Briggs,

Married Hannah, daughter of Edward Fisher, of Portsmouth, and her father deeded to her land, situated probably in Portsmouth, on the 24 May, 1677, and possibly as a marriage portion. The deed was sworn to Nov. 11, 1681, before George Lawton, Assistant, and is recorded in Book 1, page 231, Col. Land Evidence, R. I.

On pp. 347-8 of same book appears the following land transfer:

John Bailey, of Newport, Dominion of New England, for £146 ſilver money of New England, to John Briggs, Jr., of Portſmouth, a farm at and near Packit brook, in Punkateſt, Briſtol Co., New England, bounded S. by Little Compton North line, W. by Packit brook and the highway, N. by Major Poulding's land, 50 poles wide and a mile in length, 100 acres; and alſo ⅛th part of a ſhare of all the undivided lands in Little Compton, with a dwelling houſe on it, where David Lake lately dwelt. Feb. 14, 1687.

HENRY DYRE, THOMAS WARD, } *Witneſſes.* JOHN his mark BAILEY. [SEAL.]

(Release by Sutton, w'fe of John Bailey, acknowledged before Peleg Sanford, Justice.)

He afterward purchased more land at Tiverton from Edward Bayley, 17th Feb., 1699-1700, which transfer is recorded in Taunton Records, Book V, p. 163.

On the 2d Nov., 1689, while resident on the land at Little Compton purchased of John Bailey (1687), he sold the land at Dartmouth he received from his father (1679), to James Akin, of Portsmouth. (Taunton Rec., B. II, p. 124.)

According to the deed of gift from his father of the Dartmouth land, Oct. 14, 1679, he had sons—

I. 7. EDWARD.

II. 8. JOHN,

And, possibly—

III. 9. JOB.

IV. 10. WILLIAM; b. 1650 (Little Compton Records),

And, perhaps, other sons and daughters.

II. 3. Thomas Briggs.

Of him, but little is known further than that in addition to the fact that his wife was named Mary, he received from his father other lands in Dartmouth, 1st May, 1688. (Taunton Rec., B. VIII, p. 379.)

Whether he had issue, the records I have had access to, fail to reveal.

III. 4. Susanna Briggs,

Married, as indicated by her father's will, a man named Northway. Nothing further can I learn of her, although she may have been the person who, by the Records of Portsmouth, married Joseph Cook, 19th April, 1692, and perhaps afterward married Northway.

IV. 5. Enoch Briggs,

Married, 2d March, 1699, Hannah Willcox (probably a widow), and his children who survived him as shown by his will recorded on the Council Book of Portsmouth, Vol. III, pp. 148–9, bearing date 2d June, 1726, and probated 26th Apl., 1734, were—

I. 11. ABIGAIL; wife of John Butts.

II. 12. SARAH; probably m. Stephen Sherman, 28th Apl., 1740.

III. 13. SUSANNA, m. William Cook, 9th Apl., 1724.

The will of Hannah Briggs, the wife of Enoch, is recorded in same book, p. 178, and is dated 14th June, 1734, and was proved 8th Nov., 1736.

V. 6. Job Briggs,

According to Little Compton Records, m. Mary ———, who died 23d June, 1769. His children, as shown on said Records, were—

I. 14. OLIVER; b. 27th Dec., 1716.

II. 15. WILLIAM; b. 24th Apl., 1718; d. Aug., 1802.

III. 16. JOSEPH; b. 4th Jan., 1720; d. Jan., 1758.

IV. 17. JEREMIAH; b. 1721; d. Sept., 1764.

V. 18. DEBORAH; b. 1723.

VI. 19. BATHSHEBA; b. 1724; m. Job Hunt.

VII. 20. ABIGAIL; b. 1726.

VIII. 21. WALTER; b. 1728.

IX. 22. LOVET; b. 1730.

His will (Taunton Records), dated 25th Feb., 1725, is probated 8th Apl., 1728, and mentions his widow, Mary, and Esek Carr as executors, and names as heirs his four eldest sons, William, Oliver, Joseph and Jeremiah. The date of probate (1728) makes it a close shave for his son Walter, said to have been born that year; and the infant Lovet (born 1730) is placed in a very unpleasant predicament, having been born two years after his father's decease,—but then they managed things differently a hundred and fifty years ago.

Fourth Generation.

I. 7. Edward Briggs,

Married Sarah ———, and, as appears by the Records of Tiverton, R. I., was blessed with the following children:

I. 23. Deborah; b. 11th March, 1693.
II. 24. Hannah; b. 19th Dec., 1698.
III. 25. Walter; b. 19th Feb., 1701.
IV. 26. Josiah; b. 4th March, 1703.
V. 27. Charles; b. 20th Feb., 1711.

Edward was a wheelwright by trade, and at various times purchased land at Tiverton, where he lived, as shown by Taunton Records, as follows:

Book 6, p. 370, of Thomas Bills, Sr., of Pocasset, 20th Feb., 169$\frac{4}{5}$.
" 5, p. 360, of Thomas Cook, of Portsmouth, 18th June, 1695.
" 5, p. 14, of Samuel Bradford, of Duxbury, 29th Sept., 1695.
" 11, p. 396, of Thomas Shearman, of Kingstown, 1st June, 1716.

Sales in which he was grantor are also on record:

Book 3, p. 151, to Daniel Howland, of Tiverton, 22d Jan., 1699.
" 11, p. 397, to Philip Taber, of Dartmouth, ———, 1717.
" 12, p. 483, to James Tucker, of Tiverton, 1st Sept., 1716.

After his decease, about the year 1718, his wife Sarah continued in the real estate business, as the following records would show:

Book 27, p. 363, to Mary Manchester, of Dartmouth, 8th Sept., 1736.

Book 30, p. 414, to Jonathan Head, of Little Compton, 27th Apl. 1727.

" 34, p. 295, to Joel Lake, of Tiverton, 30th Dec. 1728.

" 37, p. 558, to Nathaniel Potter, of Dartmouth, 7th July, 1749.

" 52, p. 234, to Jonathan Head, of Little Compton, 27th Apl. 1737.

The will of Edward Briggs is as follows, and is recorded in Book 3, folio 329, of Taunton Records:

In the name of God, Amen, the tenth day of May, 1718. I, Edward Briggs, of Tiverton in thet County of briſtol in New England, Wheel-right, being very ſick and weak in body, but of Perfec minde and memory thanks be given to Almighty god: therefore Calling to minde ye mortality of my body. And knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye, do make and ordain this my laſt will and teſtament: yt is to ſay: Principally and firſt of all I give and reccomend my ſoul into ye hands of god yt gave it. And my body I reccomend to ye earth to be buried in Chriſtian decent burial At ye Diſcretion of my Executrix: Nothing doubting but at ye General Reſurrection I shall receive ye ſame again by ye mighty power of god:

And as touching ſuch worldly Eſtate wherewith it hath pleaſed god to bleſs me in this life. I do give demiſe and diſpoſe of ye ſame in ye following manner and form: firſt and foremost my minde and will is that all my Juſt and Lawfull Debts may be paid And funerall charges defrayed by my Executrix herein After named.

Imprimis: I Give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Sarah Briggs ye uſe and Improvement of all my whole Eſtate to me belonging both Real and personal during her Natural life: provided always yt ſhe remains ſo Long a widow: but in caſe ſhe my ſd wife ſhall ſe good to change her Condition by marriage, then my minde and Will is yt ſhe ſhall have her thirds of ye whole according as ye Law allows.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my well beloved ſon Walter Briggs All my Lands and houſing sittuate Lying and being in Tiverton aforef^d And all my Right and Title of, in and unto any Tract or Tracts, perſell or perſells of land Lying within this Province or in any other part of New England to him his heirs and Aſſigns forever. And to come into his poſſeſſion Immediately after my wife's deceaſe: or marriage day in Caſe She marry again: with all my houſehold goods and other moveable Effects yt ſhall be then left remaining

Item: I give and bequeath unto my ſon Joſiah Briggs, fifty pounds in money.

And i do Give and bequeath unto my ſon Charles Briggs fifty pounds in money.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Deborah Briggs fifty pounds in money.

And i do give and bequeath unto my daughter Hannah Briggs fifty pounds in money.

All which Legacies or portions to be paid by my ſon Walter Briggs after my wife's deceaſe in Any Currant money of New England yt ſhall then be Paſſing: Provided yt She my f^d wife Remains lives and dyes my widow: but if ſhe ſhall ſe Reaſon to Change her State of widowhood by marriage then ye aforef^d Legacies or portions to be paid when my ſon Charles comes to ye age of Twenty one years: but if it happen y^t any of theſe my ſons and daughters namely Joſiah: Charles: Deborah: and Hannah ſhall depart this Life before they come to Receive their portions Leaving no Lawfull Iſſue: then my will and minde is, y^t his her or their Portion or Portions ſhall be equally divided between ye Survivors. And further I do Conſtitute, Make and ordain my f^d wife my whole and Sole Executrix to this my Laſt will and Teſtament: Laſtly I do Depute and Appoint my truſty and well beloved friends Edward Wilcock of Tiverton and Jonathan head of Little Compton my Over Seers to ſe this my Preſent Laſt Will and Teſtament Executed. And I do hereby utterly diſallow Revoke and diſannull all and Every other former Teſtaments, wills, Legacies and Bequests and Executors

by me in Any wiſe before named Willed and bequeathed: Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Laſt will and Teſtament.

In Wittneſs whereof I have hereunto ſet my hand and ſeal ye day and year above written.

note. ye word (other) and ye word (divided) and ye word (do) Interlined were all entred before signing and sealing.

his

Edward E J Briggs [SEAL.]

mark

Signed, Sealed, Publiſhed, and Declared by ye ſ^d Edward Briggs to be his Laſt will and Teſtament in ye preſence of us ye ſubſcribers.

THOMAS GRAY
WILLIAM RICHMOND
SAM^L SANDFORD

Briſtol, S. S. In the year 1718. June the ſecond day then Samuel Sandford and William Richmond appeared before the Hon^able Natha'l Paine. Eſq Judge of the Probate of Wills within the County of Briſtol, (being two of the witneſſes of the above written will of Edward Briggs late of Tiverton. deceaſed) and made oath that they were preſent and did hear and ſee the ſ^d dec^d ſigne ſeal publiſh and declare the ſame to be his laſt will and teſtament, and that he was of a ſound diſpoſing mind when he ſo did, and at the ſame time did ſee the other witneſs Thomas Gray ſigne with themſelves as witneſſes.

NATH^L PAINE

JOHN CARY, *Reg'r*

Entered in the 3d Book folio 429: June 5. 1718. By

JOHN CAREY. *Reg^r.*

The laſt Will and Teſtament of Sarah Briggs wife of the above Edward Briggs: In the Name of God, Amen. I Sarah Briggs of Tiverton in the County of Briſtol, in ye province of ye Maſſachuſetts, Bay in New England, widow being weakly in body but of a ſound minde minde perfect memory & underſtanding thanks be given unto God therefore, conſidering the uncertainty of this my natural life do for the preventing future troubles in my family make & ordain this my laſt will and teſtament, principally and firſt of all I give & recommend my ſoule to God that gave me my firſt being & my body I commit to ye earth therein to be decently bured at ye diſcretion of my executor hereafter nominated and as to that temporal eſtate wherewith it hath pleaſed ye Lord to bleſs me after all my juſt debts & funeral charges & expences are paid I give deviſe & diſpoſe of y^e ſame, manner as followeth—

Imprimis—I give and bequeath to my ſon Walter Briggs the ſum of ten ſhillings bills of credit of ye province aforeſ^d old tenner beſides what he hath already received of my eſtate which is his portion in full I intend for him of my eſtate.

Itim—I give & bequeath to my ſon Charls Briggs y^e ſum of one hundred pounds in bills of credit of like tennor.

Itim—I give & bequeath to my daughter Deborah y^e ſum of forty pounds in bills of credit in like tennor.

Itim—I give & bequeath to my daughter Hannah y^e ſum of forty pounds in bills of credit in like tenner.

Itim—All ye reſt & reſidue of my eſtate whatſoever both real & perſonal I give & bequeath unto my [word illegible] ſon Joſiah Briggs his heirs and aſſigns for ever. he paying therefore all my juſt debts, funeral expences, and ye respective legacies herein above by me given and bequeathed whom I alſo conſtitute nominate & appoint executor of this my laſt will & teſtament to ſee ye ſame fulfilled according to ye true intent hereof & by theſe preſents I do revoke make null & void all & every other teſtament and wills whatſoever by me heretofore maid or declared. confirming & allowing

this and no other to be my laſt will & teſtament in witneſs whereof I have hereunto ſet my hand and ſeal ye firſt day of June Anno Domini 1745.

SARAH her **S** mark BRIGGS. [L. S.]

Signed Sealed Publiſhed pronounced and declared by the ſaid Sarah Briggs this ye above written to be her laſt will and teſtament in ye presence of

JOHN MANCHESTER
WILLIAM WILLCOCK
WILLIAM BRIGGS

(Probate Rec. Tiverton, R. I., Book 1, p. 272. Proved 6 May, 1751.)

II. 8. John Briggs,

Married, according to Tiverton Records, Hannah ———, and by her had a son (the only child of this marriage appearing on record)—

I. 28. EDWARD; b. 19th Feb., 1718.

This John Briggs is probably the same who purchased of Jonathan Briggs, of Taunton, land at Taunton, 5th March, 1698. (Taunton Rec., Book III, p. 459.)

III. 9. Job Briggs,

According to his will, recorded at Taunton, dated 7th January, 1732, and proved 17th April, 1733, had wife, Elinor ———, and children—

I. 29. JEREMIAH.

II. 30. WAIT.

III. 31. JOB.

IV. 32. JOHN.

V. 33. ENOCH.

VI. 34. ALMY.

VII. 35. MARY; prob. m. Thomas Borden, 4th Oct., 1727. (Portsmouth Record, Vol. I, pp. 44–120.)

VIII. 36. SARAH; prob. m. Thomas Durfee, 15th June, 1729. (Portsmouth Record, Vol. I, pp. 44–120.)

IX. 37. ELIZABETH (MALIAM?)

IV. 10. William Briggs,

Appears twice in Taunton Records as receiving land at Taunton from *his father*, John Briggs, of Tiverton. These transfers are dated respectively 18th July, 1699, (Book IX, p. 106,) and 27th January, 1703, (Book V, p. 210.) He was born (Little Compton

Records) 1650, d. May, 1716; married in 1680 to Elizabeth ———, b. 1653, d. August, 1716. His children were—

I. 38. SUSANNA; b. 9th Apl., 1681; m. Robert Dennis.

II. 39. JOHN; b. 13th Nov., 1685; d. 21 Jan., 1712.

III. 40. WILLIAM; b. 11th Jan., 1688; d. Nov., 1763.

IV. 41. ELIZABETH; b. 27th Dec., 1689; d. Mar., 1763; m. 1, Richard Sisson; m. 2, John Woodman.

V. 42. THOMAS, } twins; (b. 5th Sep., 1693; d. 23d Mar., 1716.

VI. 43. DEBORAH, } (b. 6th Sep., 1693; d. Nov., 1773; m. Benjamin Head.

VII. 44. Job; b. 3d Aug., 1696; d. 4th Mar., 1727.

II. 15. William Briggs,

(L. C. RECORD,)

Married, 16th July, 1739, Abishag Records, b. 17th Feb., 1716–17, and his children were—

I. 45. JOHN; b. 16th Oct., 1739.

II. 46. CORNELIUS; b. 9th Jan., 1742; d. 2d May, 1803. (Revolutionary soldier.)

III. 47. ELIZABETH; b. 30th Mar., 1744; m. Wm. Davenport.

IV. 48. RUTH; b. 2d May (June), 1746; m. Samuel Brownell.

V. 49. WALTER; b. 9th Nov., 1748.

VI. 50. RICHARD; b. 14th Apl., 1751; d. Nov., 1784.

VII. 51. JUDITH; b. 19th (27th) Aug., 1753 (4).

VIII. 52. BETSEY; 23d Mar., 1755. (Not mentioned in family record.)

IX. 53. JOB; b. 27th Feb., 1757. (Revolutionary soldier.)

X. 54. MARTHA; 29th (28th) Dec., 1759; d. 11th Sept., 1842.

III. 16. Joseph Briggs,

(L. C. RECORD,)

Married, Nov., 1745, Ruth Coe, who d. April, 1798. His children were—

I. 55. HANNAH; b. 28th Nov., 1746; d. 4th Mar., 1835; m. Jos. Palmer.

II. 56. DEBORAH; b. 23d Sep., 1748; d. 23d Sep., 1840; m. Jos. Brownell.

III. 57. LYDIA; b. 8th Feb., 1753; d. 16th Mar., 1842; m. Peter Shaw.

IV. 58 EUNICE; b. 15th July, 1754; d. 5th Nov., 1847; m. Benj. Hicks.

V. 59. RUTH; b. 6th Jan., 1756.

IV. 17. Jeremiah Briggs,

(L. C. RECORD,)

Married, 5th Aug., 1745, Anna Taylor, b. 13th Feb., 1726; d. Jan., 1777. Their children were—

I. 60. MARY; b. 29th Sept., 1746; m. Ephraim Bailey.

II. 61. SARAH; b. 14th Mar., 1749; m. William Bailey.

III. 62. KEZIA; b. 13th Oct., 1751; m. Constant Church.

IV. 63. BETSEY; b. 24th Aug., 1744; d. Nov.. 1821; m. Ezra Chase.

V. 64. THOMAS (Maj.); b. 18th July, 1757; d. 29th April, 1822.

FIFTH GENERATION.

III. 25. Walter Briggs,

Born in the town of Tiverton, R. I., 19th Feb., 1701, was the eldest son of Edward and Sarah Briggs, of that place. He was a carpenter by trade, and at the age of twenty-one years or thereabouts emigrated to the province of New York, and is found to be in West Chester 13th Mar., 1728, when he was a witness to a deed given by Daniel Turner to Ebenezer Haviland; and, as evidenced by a deed executed 16th June, 1736, was a resident of the town of Hackensack, in the province of New Jersey. After the last mentioned date he became a resident of the town of East (or West) Chester, in the state of New York, where nearly all of his numerous descendants were born.

He married, 24th May, 1730, Lidiah, youngest daughter of Josiah, Jr., and Abigail (Huestis) Hunt, of Throg's Neck, whose marriage license was dated 24th Dec., 1695.

The date of the decease of either Walter or his wife is not positively known, but his wife survived him, as is evidenced by his will, which bears date 11th Jan , 1783, and was admitted to probate 8th July, 1789. He (Walter) was a person of considerable landed estate in the towns of East and West Chester, and "The Yonkers," and also purchased of "the elders of the Dutch church" at Fordham, fifty acres of ground, which he devised by his will to the children of his eldest son, Josiah, who deceased previous to his father's death.

Walter also appears to have been a patron of the patriarchal institution of slavery, for in a "list of negros in Capt. Joshua Hunt foot company district," taken 9th April, 1755, we find that Walter *Brigs* was possessed of a male, Newport, (evidently named for the home of the ancestors of Walter Briggs,) and a female, Nanney.

The children of Walter Briggs and Lidiah, his wife, were as follows:

I. 65. SARAH; b. 8th June, 1732.

II. 66. TABITHA; b. 18th April, 1734; d. — May, 1756, unmarried.

III. 67. ABIGAIL; b. 30th March, 1736.

IV. 68. JOSIAH; b. 14th July, 1738.

V. 69. EDWARD; b. 28th Jan., 1741 (Feb. 18); d. 14th Aug., 1824.

VI. 70. GEORGE; b. 6th Dec., 1743; d. 1st Jan., 1835.

VII. 71. BATHSHEBA; b. 6th Nov., 1745; d. 16th Dec., 1786.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

I, WALTER BRIGGS, of the Borough and Town of Weſtcheſter, in County of Weſtcheſter, being of a Sound & Perfect Mind and Memory, do make and publiſh this my laſt Will and Teſtament in manner and form following that is to ſay—I order all my juſt debts and funeral charges to be paid by my Executors hereafter named: ITEM, I give and deviſe to my *Grand Son* WALTER BRIGGS, the *eldeſt ſon* of my *ſon* JOSIAH BRIGGS *deceaſed*, the houſe and fifty Acres of ground ſituate on the Manor of Fordham which I purchaſed of the Elders of the Dutch Church and which I gave to my ſaid *ſon* JOSIAH by a Deed of gift. And I hereby order and direct that my Executors hereafter named lay out the ſaid fifty acres in the moſt convenient manner ſo as to include the Houſe; alſo I order and direct my Executors hereafter named, and the ſurvivor and ſurvivors of them and their Executors, to ſell in ſome convenient Time after my deceaſe, all the reſidue & remainder of the Lands which I bought of the Elders of said Dutch Church on the f^d^ Manor of Fordham;—and the mones ariſing from the ſale thereof, I do order to be equally divided between my *Grand-Children* JOHN BRIGGS, EDWARD BRIGGS and LYDIA BRIGGS, *children* of my ſaid *ſon* JOSIAH BRIGGS, *dec^d^*, ſhare & ſhare alike, and I hereby authoriſe them or the ſurvivor of them, to make conveyances for the ſame to the purchaſor or purchaſors, to be good both in Law and Equity. ITEM, I give and deviſe to my *ſon* EDWARD BRIGGS, & to his heirs and Aſſigns forever, all the Lands included in the bounds following, that is to ſay, beginning at the ſouth-weſt corner of the young Orchard by the Highway, and from thence *runing* by the Stone Wall and Stone fence to a *large Cheſtnut* Tree, and from thence running a ſtraight courſe to a new Stone fence, so along the f^d^ ſtone fence to two Buttonwood Trees standing by *Brunkſ's River*, (which I mean to be a diviſion line between my *ſons* EDWARD & GEORGE,) and ſo to include all the Lands I poſſeſs to the Poſt Road & the ſaid Diviſion Line, and to the Eaſtward of Bronks River and to the Weſtward of *Long Reach Road*. ITEM, I give and deviſe to my ſaid *ſon* EDWARD, & to his heirs and Aſſigns forever, a certain Tract of Land in *Eaſt Cheſter*, which I purchaſed of *Jonathan Fowler, Eſq^r^*, and was part of the Land formerly belonged to *Joſeph Stanton*. Alſo a ſmall piece of Land which I purchaſed of *Joſeph Leman*, and alſo one four Acre Lott of ſalt Meadow lying in *Eaſt Cheſter*, which I bought of ——— *Ferris*. ITEM, I give and deviſe to my *ſon* GEORGE BRIGGS, and to his heirs and Aſſigns forever, the *Homeſted* where I now live, including all the Lands to the Southward of the ſaid division Line between my ſaid *ſons Edward* & *George;* and alſo all Lands lying to the ſouth of the Highway which I purchaſed of *Travis, Bonker*, and *Edward Fowler*, and alſo a ſmall piece of Meadow Land lying in the *Yonkers*, adjoining the West side of *Brunks River*. Alſo a ſmall piece of Land lying on the ſouth side of the Road that leads to *Theophilus Bartow's*, which piece I purchaſed of *Eliſha*

Barton, and alſo a piece of Salt Meadw lying in *Eaſt Cheſter*, which I purchaſed of *Solomon Hueſtis*. ITEM, I give and deviſe to my two *ſons* EDWARD BRIGGS and GEORGE BRIGGS, all my Lands and Salt Meadow lying on Frog's Neck, in said Borough of Weſtcheſter, to hold to them and their reſpective heirs and Aſſigns for ever, as Tenants in common, to be equally divided betwen them, ſhare and ſhare alike. ITEM, I give to my *ſon-in-law*, JAMES PERRY, the Bond of ninety pounds which I have againſtt him, which Bond I order my Executors hereafter named to cancel at my deceaſe. ITEM, I give to my *Grand-daughter* HELENAH, the *Wife* of DANIEL WILKINS, the sum of Twenty pounds current money of *New York*, to be paid to her by my Executors within two years after my deceaſe. ITEM, I give to my *Daughter* SARAH PERRY, my Negro Wench named PEGG. ITEM, I give to each of my Executors hereafter named, the sum of Twenty-five pounds current money of *New York*, which I give to them out of my Perſonal Eſtate. ITEM, the twenty pounds I mentioned above to be paid to my *Grand-daughter* HELENAH WILKINS,—*whome* I forgot was deceased, I give to be divided between her two *children* MARCY & SARAH, ſhare & ſhare alike out of my Perſonal Eſtate. ITEM, I give to my *Grandaughter* LYDIA BRIGGS, *daughter* of my *ſon* JOSIAH BRIGGS, de^{d}, the sum of Ten pounds, to be paid her out of my Perſonal Eſtate. ITEM, all the reſidue and remainder of $^{my}_{A}$ *Real* & Perſonal Eſtate, I give and bequeath to my beloved *Wife* during her *Widowhood*, and after her deceaſe, I give the ſame to be equally divided between my *two daughters* ABIGAIL PINKNEY and BARSHEBA HUNT, ſhare and ſhare alike. LASTLY, I hereby nominate, conſtitute and appoint my beloved *wife* LYDIA, Executrix & my *two ſons* EDWARD BRIGGS and GEORGE BRIGGS, to be the Executors of this my laſt Will and Teſtament, declaring this to be my laſt Will and Teſtament. IN WITNESS whereof, I have hereunto ſet my hand and Seal this eleventh day of January, in the year of our Lord One Thouſand seven Hundred and eighty-three.

Walter Briggs [SEAL.]

Signed, ſealed, publiſhed & declared by the ſaid WALTER BRIGGS as & for his laſt Will & Teſtament, in preſence of us, who ſubscribed our Names as Witneſſes to the ſame at the requeſt of and in the preſence of the Teſtator, and in the preſence of each other, the word (my) being firſt interlined.

THEOD. BARTOW.
ABRAHAM FINCHER.
JOSEPH STRANG, JUN^{R}.

IV. 26. Josiah Brigges,

It is barely possible, may have been the same person who m. Lillis ——— (Tiverton Records), and by her had children—

I. 72. SARAH; b. 21st Feb., 1752.

II. 73. EPHRAIM; b. 29th June, 1756.

III. 40. William Briggs,

Married, 25th September, 1713, Deborah Church, born January, 1697. The issue of this marriage was—

I. 74. ELIZABETH; b. 10th Oct., 1714; m. Jos. Pabodie.

II. 75. JOHN; b. 27th May, 1716.

III. 76. THOMAS; b. 12th Sept., 1717.

IV. 77. MARY; b. Aug., 1719; m. Jonathan Records.

V. 78. SARAH; b. 5th June, 1721; m. Lemuel Shaw (?).

VI. 79. JOB; b. 4th Feb., 1725; probably died soon.

VII. 80. JOB, 2D; b. 24th July, 1727; d. Jan., 1757.

VIII. 81. SUSANNAH; b. 23d Aug., 1729.

IX. 82. ENOCH; b. 10th Mar., 1732.

X. 83. JUDITH; b. 1735; m. Thomas Woodworth.

XI. 84. NATHANIEL; b. 30th Mar., 1737.

XII. 85. PRISCILLA; b. 1739.

II. 46. Cornelius Briggs,

Married, 1, Mary Brownell, b. 3d Mar., 1747; d. 9th June, 1770. 2, 9th Dec., 1792, Fallee Brownell, who d. 2d Nov., 1832. His children were—

I. 86. SUSANNA; b. 22d Mar., 1766.

II. 87. ABISHAG; b. 16th Mar., 1768.

III. 88. MARY; b. 9th Apl., 1770.

IV. 89. FALLEE; b. 24th Mar., 1794.

V. 90. CORNELIUS; b. 12th Nov., 1795; d. 26th Oct., 1819.

VI. 91. DEBORAH; b. Apl., 1798.

VI. 50. Richard Briggs,

Married, 13th January, 1774, Anna Ware, and had children—

I. 92. MARY; b. 19th Sept., 1775.

II. 93. WILLIAM; b. 20th Sept., 1782.

IX. 53. Job Briggs,

Married, 26th September, 1784, Sarah Church, b. 1st May, 1763, and had issue—

I. 94. PRISCILLA; born 10th Jan., 1785; m. E. Brownell, Oct., 1801.

II. 95. RICHARD; b. 1st Oct., 1786.

III. 96. PARNELL; b. 28th Mar. (April), 1788.

IV. 97. ALMY; b. 18th Jan., 1790; m. Edward Gray, of Newport, and is now (1876) only one living.

V. 98. WILLIAM; b. 14th Dec., 1791.

VI. 99. DEBORAH; b. 31st Oct., 1793.

VII. 100. JETHRO; b. 23d Feb., 1796; d. Sept., 1822.

VIII. 101. JOB; b. 27th Feb., 1798; d. 1872.

IX. 102. CYRUS; b. 9th Mar., 1800; d. Salem, Mass., 24th June, 1871.

X. 103. SARAH; b. 26th Nov., 1802.

V. 64. Thomas Briggs,

Was a Major in the Continental service, and m. 1778, Lucy (?) Shaw, of Little Compton; and the issue of this marriage was—

I. 104. JEREMIAH; b. 24th Oct., 1778; d. 28th Dec., 1856.

II. 105. ANNE; b. 28th Jan., 1782.

III. 106. TILLINGHAST; b. 21st June, 1788.

IV. 107. TAYLOR; b. 20th Dec., 1793.

SIXTH GENERATION.

I. 65. Sarah Briggs,

As evidenced by her father's will, married James Perry, and at the time of the making of her father's will had at least one daughter, named—

I. HELENAH; born ———, and who married ——— Wilkins, by whom she had children Marcy and Sarah, both of whom are mentioned in the will of their grandfather, Walter Briggs.

III. 67. Abigail Briggs,

According to Bolton, in his "History of West Chester County," married (license dated 28th Dec., 1758) Thomas Pinkney, "Ffarmer," who was born Feb., 1729. The date of decease of either I have not been able to ascertain with any degree of certainty. Their children, as given in Bolton's History, are as follows:

I. THOMAS; b. ———

II. BRIGGS; b. ———

III. ELIJAH; b. ———

IV. JOSIAH; b. ———

V. RACHEL; b. ———

VI. REBECCA; b. ———

IV. 68. Josiah Briggs,

Married, (license dated 13th Aug., 1760,) Bathsheba, probably a daughter or sister of Isaac Williams, yeoman, of Westchester county, who was a bondsman for Josiah when the marriage license was procured. On the 27th Aug., 1762, he appears as a land owner on the manor of Fordham. Josiah died before his father, but the date of his decease I have not been able to obtain. His children, as mentioned in his father's will, were as follows, and their descendants are now living on the manor of Fordham, in the county of Westchester:

I. 108. WALTER: b. ——; d. ——, 1813.
II. 109. JOHN; b. ——; d. ——, 1802.
III. 110. EDWARD; b. ——; d. ——, 1802.
IV. 111. LYDIA; b. ——; d. —— 1849, at Fordham, unmarried.

Josiah Briggs

V. 69. Edward Briggs,

Married, 1st, Mary Lynch, who died ——; 2nd, Euphemia Honeywell, probably a daughter of Judge Israel Honeywell, of West Chester. Euphemia was born Thursday, 8th September, 1748, and died 28th Nov., 1817. She had had, previously to her marriage with Edward Briggs, two husbands, by both of whom she had issue. Her first husband was Elvin Hunt, whose marriage license bears date 21st Nov., 1766; and her second venture was Gilbert Williams, whose marriage license was dated 15th Jan., 1773.

Euphemie Briggs

The children of Edward and his two wives were:

By Mary Lynch:

I. 112. MARTHA; b. 30th Nov., 1766; d. 8th May, 1843.
II. 113. JOSIAH; b. 14th Mar., 1768; d. in infancy.
III. 114. GABRIEL; b. 20th Nov., 1770; d. 26th Jan., 1804.
IV. 115. WALTER; b. 30th Dec., 1772; d. 9th May, 1830.
V. 116. ELIJAH; b. 2nd Apr., 1775; d. 18th Aug., 1838.
VI. 117. HANNAH; b. 2nd May, 1777; d. 24th Oct., 1862.
VII. 118. SAMUEL; b. 18th Sept., 1779; d. 21st May, 1857.
VIII. 119. JAMES; b. 19th Jan., 1782; d. 19th Oct., 1840.
IX. 120. MARY; b. 8th June, 1784; d. 6th April, 1825; m. William Ryer, of New York City.

By Euphemia Honeywell (Hunt, Williams):

X. 121. PHILIP HONEYWELL; b. 18th Aug., 1787; d. 19th Oct., 1840.
XI. 122. EUPHEMIA; b. 4th April, 1790; d. about 1793.

Edward Briggs, the father of the above, was a Quaker, and despite the usual peaceful habits of that denomination, rendered some service to the revolutionary cause. It is related that he was interested in the battle of White Plains, and it is recorded that he was a member of the county Committee of Safety from May, 1776, to May, 1777, and was also a member of the Board of Township Trustees of West Chester in April, 1788, besides holding other town offices for many years.

THE WILL OF EDWARD BRIGGS.

I, Edward Briggs, of the town and county of Westchester, and State of New York, (Farmer,) being of sound mind and memory, and justly impressed with the uncertainty of this transitory life, *Do* make, ordain and publish this my last *Will and Testament*, in manner and form following, viz:

After payment of my just and lawful debts and funeral expenses out of my personal estate and effects—

First. I give and bequeath unto the children of my last wife, that is to say, to Thomas Hunt, Israel Hunt Phillip Briggs and Eustatia Briggs, and to the daughter of States Williams, named Mary, One Hundred dollars each; the said money so bequeathed to the said Mary to be put out to use by my executors (to be hereinafter named) until she becomes of age, but if she should die before she attains such lawful age, or should leave no issue, then the said sum I order to be equally divided amongst the four first above named, and the interest of it to her mother, for her bringing up, or until she is capable of getting her own living.

All the furniture that belonged to my last wife before I married her, to be equally amongst the above named, except the plate, which I order to be given to Hannah Briggs, Eustatia Briggs and Margery Hunt, to be equally divided amongst them, excepting what was before given to Mary Briggs. Likewise my wife's wearing appearel to be equally divided among Mary Briggs, Eustatia Briggs and Margarey Hunt. Also, I give unto my grand-daughter Hannah Briggs the first choice of a bed and bedding, with the furniture belonging thereto, which is hereby bequeathed to her, and the next choice of a bed and beding I give to my wife's grand-daughter, Margary Hunt, which I likewise bequeath unto her.

I further give and bequeath unto Thomas J. Briggs the young bay mare for his services with me.

Secondly. I give, empower and authorize my Executors hereinafter named, within one year after my decease, or sooner if they shall think it best so to do, to sell and dispose of at public vendue all the remainder and residue of my estate both real and personal whatsoever, and to make to the purchasers thereof legal deeds and conveyances or a bill of sale for the same; then I order my Executors to pay the following legacies: To my son Gabriel Briggs' son Charles Three hundred and seventy-five dollars, and to his daughter Susannah Briggs Two hundred and fifty dollars, which said sums so given and bequeathed to my said grand-children, I order my Executors to put out the same to use for the behalf of my said grand children until they severally become of lawful age, but if either of them die before becoming of lawful age, then it is my will that the said sums of money be paid to the survivor of them.

I also bequeath to my son Elijah Briggs seven hundred and fifty dollars, to my son Walter Briggs seven hundred and fifty dollars, to my son Samuel Briggs seven hundred and fifty dollars, to my son James Briggs, seven hundred and fifty dollars in manner to be after mentioned, and to my son Phillip Briggs seven hundred and fifty dollars. I also give and bequeath to my daughters the following sums, to my daughter Martha Valentine Three hundred and seventy-five dollars, to my daughter Hannah Valentine two hundred and fifty dollars, and to my daughter Mary Ryer two hundred and fifty dollars.

It is also my will that after the payment of the aforesaid legacies and bequests that all the remainder and residue of my said estate be divided in the following manner viz: between my five sons, namely, Elijah, Walter, Samuel, James and Phillip the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars each, and between my three daughters namely Martha, Hannah, and Mary the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars each, and if after making the said dividend between my said children there should remain any of my said estate in the hands of my executors, and which is not by this my will disposed of, I do hereby order the same to be divided between my said children in such proportions that my sons shall have three times the sum that my daughters have, and if my estate should prove insufficient to make sums mentioned in the last division I order that the said residue be divided among my said children in said proportions.

I further order that my Executors pay to my son-in-law Abraham Valentine Five hundred dollars out of the legacy left to my son James Briggs together with the interest which may be due thereon, it being the amount of an obligation held by my said son-in-law Abraham Valentine gainst my son James Briggs, and also that they retain out of the legacy left to James the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars due from him to my estate, and also pay to Samuel Briggs, my son, eighty two dollars seventy six cents due to him from his brother James aforesaid out of said legacy. I further order my Executors to retain in their hands such part of my estate as by the aforesaid division thereof may fall to my son Walter Briggs. *In trust nevertheless* to his and his children's

benefit, and my said executors are hereby invested with a discretionary Power to Purchase for him a place to live on with his family, if they shall judge it proper and advantageous so to do, and if so, said place or home to be for his use during his natural life, and at his decease I do bequeath the same to his heirs to be divided between them in the following manner that is, his said sons to have double the value, or amount of his daughter or daughters in the portion thereof.

And I do also invest my Executors with the like discretionary Powers and Trusts with respect to what may remain of James' legacy's after the payments and deductions above authorized, if any surplus there should be, that is that he and his family have the use of the annuity arising from it during his natural life, and at his decease to be divided among his heirs in the manner and proportions above directed respectively Walter Briggs his family and heirs.

It is my will that the several legacy's aforementioned, and given and bequeathed to Eustatia Briggs, Walter Briggs, Margery Hunt and Hannah Valentine wife of Matthias Valentine is in consideration of their services with me, and in lieu of and bar to any other or further claims upon my estate for *met*, and their occupation of said legacy's shall be deemed a relinquishment of any such claim respectively.

Lastly I do nominate constitute and appoint my son Elijah Briggs and my son Samuel Briggs, and my son-in-law Abraham Valentine of the City of New York to be my executors of this, my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the fourteenth day of *March* in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and *twenty four*.

Edward Briggs [SEAL.]

Signed, sealed published and declared by the said Edward Briggs to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses at the request of the said testator in his presence, and in the presence of each other.

JAMES SOMERVILLE.
ALLEN CLAPP.
EDWARD G. FAILE.

VI. 70. George Briggs,

Married, 1st, 5th Feb., 1763, Rebecca, (b. 15th Sept, 1743, d. ———,) dau. of Ebenezer and Mary (Lawrence) Burling, (their marriage license dated 21st Mar., 1736–7.) The date of Rebecca's death I have not been able to ascertain.

His second wife was Rebecca, dau. of Moses and Elizabeth Fowler, of East Chester, whom he married 29th May, 1807. She was born 14th Jan., 1784, and died 24th June, 1833. His children were as follows:

George Briggs

By Rebecca Burling:

I. 123. EBENEZER; b. 2d July, 1766; d. 24th Nov., 1843.

II. 124. WALTER; b. 31st Dec., 1767; d. 5th Jan., 1772.

III. 125. DEBORAH; b. 5th April, 1769; d. 2d Oct., 1849.

Deborah Briggs, m., 6th Mar., 1791, Major Richard Ward, and had children—Charles, b. 11th April, 1802; Sally Ann, b. 10th June, 1800; Jane Emeline, b. — June, 1809.

IV. 126. SARAH; b. 20th March, 1771; d. 25th March, 1853.

Sarah Briggs m. Nathaniel Valentine, son of Thomas, of Valentine's Hill, and had children—George Bishop, b. about 1800; Thomas Burling; Elijah; Harriet Amelia, b. 11th Nov., 1798, d. 6th May, 1813; Elizabeth Ann, b. ———, 1809, d. 11th Jan., 1846.

v. 127. ALPHEUS; b. 31st May, 1773; d. 2d July, 1855; m. Elizabeth Barton.

vi. 128. BENJAMIN; b. 20th Aug., 1775; d. young.

vii. 129. GEORGE W.; b. 16th Feb., 1778; d. 10th June, 1818; m. Elizabeth Valentine.

viii. 130 EDWARD B.; b. 4th April, 1783; d. 24th Aug., 1860.

By Rebecca Fowler:

ix. 131. TABITHA; b. 24th March, 1808; d. 25th March, 1857; unmarried.

x. 132. FREDERICK; b. 10th June, 1809; d. 14th April, 1871, at Bordentown, N. J.

xi. 133. ALBERT; b. 25th Oct., 1810; d. 7th Feb., 1835; unmarried.

xii. 134. ELIZA; b. 3d May, 1812; d. 18th Nov., 1874.

Eliza Briggs m. Elijah Guion, and had—1, Atwood; 2, Walter; 3, Mary; 4, Susan; 5, Elizabeth; 6, Cornelia; 7, Rebecca.

xiii. 135. MARY; b. 2d July, 1813; d. 21st March, 1867.

Mary Briggs m. William White and had—1, Sarah Elizabeth: 2, Albert Morris; 3, Mary Jane.

xiv. 136. SUSAN; b. 2d Jan., 1815; d. 24th Feb., 1873.

Susan Briggs m., 4th May, 1837, Washington Forsyth, of Philadelphia, and had children—Francena, b. 7th April, 1840, d. 10th Aug., 1840; Margaret, b. 26th June, 1841; d. 10th Feb., 1842; George W., b. 29th July, 1843; John, b. 4th June, 1846; Hannah H., b. 10th Oct., 1849; Mordecai B., b. 15th Oct., 1859, d. 24th Dec., 1861.

xv. 137. JANE; b. 5th June, 1816.

Jane Briggs m., 14th Feb., 1841, Geo. Cuthbert, of Whitestone, N. Y., and had children—Emma Jane, b. 26th Sep., 1845; Sarah Frances, b. 22d Sep., 1850; d. 20th May, 1851.

xvi. 138. BOADICEA; b. 3d Sept., 1818; d. 1st Oct., 1856; unmarried.

xvii. 139. SAMUEL; b. 24th Oct., 1822.

xviii. 140. MORDECAI; b. 7th April, 1826; m. 30th Aug., 1855, Helen C. Conklin; no issue.

VII. 71. Bathsheba Briggs,

According to the record in the "Hunt Genealogy," married, 25th Dec., 1765, Ward, son of Thomas and Sarah (Ward) Hunt, of "Grove Farm," Westchester, and had issue as followeth:

i. 141. LYDIA; b. 27th March, 1773; m. Judge Melancthon Wheeler, of Whitehall, N. Y.

ii. 142. WALTER B.; b. 21st June, 1774, of Point Pleasant, N. Y.

iii. 143. MONTGOMERY; b. 18th Feb., 1777, of Utica, N. Y.

iv. 144. FANNY; b. 18th April, 1783; m. Col. John Williams, of Salem, N. J.

II. 75. John Briggs, of R. I.

Died, May, 1763. He married Margaret Peckham, and by her had—

I. 145. NANCY; b. 17th Sept., 1747.
II. 146. WILLIAM; b. 15th Jan., 1751.
III. 147. HANNAH; b. 17th June, 1752.
IV. 148. MARY; b. 8th Sept., 1753.
V. 149. THOMAS; b. 10th Feb., 1754 (?).
VI. 150. JOHN; b. 19th May, 1763.

IX. 82. Enoch Briggs, of R. I.

Married, 11th March, 1756, Judith Wilbor, b. 25th June, 1733, and his children were—

I. 151. ORVIN?, b. 24th Nov., 1758. Owen. m Lenitent Brown
II. 152. RHODA; b. 17th March, 1760.
III. 153. JOSEPH; b. 21st March, 1762.
IV. 154. WILLIAM; b. 16th March, 1764.
V. 155. MARY; b. 9th June, 1766.
VI. 156. ABIGAIL; b. 22d April, 1768.
VII. 157. JEREMIAH; b. 7th July, 1770.
VIII. 158. PHEBE; b. April, 1773.

XI. 84. Nathaniel Briggs, of R. I.

Born 30th Mar., 1737, according to the records of Little Compton, died at Tiverton, R. I., 24th July, 1801. He at one time resided in Newport, and while there was engaged in the African and West India trade as master of a vessel. During the French war he was interested in privateering. At the beginning of the Revolution he left Newport and went to Tiverton, and owned the place on the east side of Howland's Ferry. After the war a large tract of land in Tiverton belonging to Governor Thomas Hutchinson and Lieutenant-Governor Andrew Oliver, of Massachusetts, had been confiscated, and a part thereof was purchased by Nathaniel Briggs, upon which he erected a fine house. He had children, one of whom, a daughter, married Simeon Borden. This daughter was the grandmother of the present Chief-Justice Thomas Durfee, of Rhode Island, and the mother of the Hon. Nathaniel B. Borden, a member of Congress from Massachusetts, and of Simeon Borden, who made the map of Massachusetts and was an eminent engineer.

Nathaniel Briggs is frequently mentioned in the Colonial Records of Rhode Island. In Feb., 1779, he received permission to go to Barbadoes on business, and he was Deputy to the General Assembly from Tiverton May, 1782–1785. He also took great interest in religious matters, being director of a *lottery* for the benefit of the Congregational Church at Tiverton, in Feb., 1784.

His will is dated 22d August, 1785, and was admitted to probate 6th August, 1801. Recorded in Probate Records of Tiverton, Book V, p. 502. His property was devised to his widow Mary and her children—

I. 159. PHILIP.

II. 160. NATHANIEL.

III. 161. AMEY.

IV. 162. HANNAH.

IX. 102. Cyrus Briggs,

Was a physician at Bristol, R. I., and removed to Augusta, Me., Mar., 1827, and there m., 7th May, 1826 (7), Louisa, dau. of Benjamin Fiske, of Boston, and d. at Salem, Mass., 24th June, 1871.

His children were—

I. 163. SARAH LOUISA; b. 25th Feb., 1828; m., 1st Jan., 1851, Rev. Wheelock Craig. He d., Neuchatel, Switzerland, Nov., 1868.

II. 164. NANCY ADAMS; b. 25th Jan., 1831; m. Geo. P. Denny, Boston.

III. 165. ELIZABETH CHURCH; b. 18th Nov., 1833; m. Wm. Dana, of San Francisco, Cal. He d., New Bedford, Mass., Sept., 1871.

IV. 166. ANNA FISKE; b. 24th July, 1844; d. 2d May, 1851.

I. 104. Jeremiah Briggs, of R. I.

Married, 1, 9th March, 1806, Sally Almy; 2, 25th June, 1810, Diana Coe; d. 12th May, 1869. His children were—

I. 167. SALLIE ALMY; b. 6th April, 1811; m., 4th Oct., 1832, Sylvester H. Burgess, of Little Compton, and had dau. Francelia, who m. Joseph Wilber.

II. 168. ALFRED C.; b. 25th May, 1813.

Alfred C. Briggs m. 1, 7th Nov., 1837, Mary V. Harlow, who d. 14th Oct., 1839; 2, 12th April, 1843, Mrs. Elvira M. Cornell, of Warren, Mass., who d ———; and 3, 2d July, 1854, Elizabeth F. Brownell, of Little Compton. His children were: Ellen J.; b. 31st July, 1839; d. 17th Sept., 1839. Charles Henry; b. 13th Feb., 1844; m. Fannie Russell, N. Bedford, 30th April, 1866. Jeremiah; b. 27th Feb., 1847; d. 3d Nov., 1847. Mary Elvira; b. 26th Mar., 1849; m., 17th Jan., 1869, Nath'l Church, of Little Compton. Jeremiah Henry; b. 2d Mar., 1856; m., Mar., 1875, Phebe J. Williston, of Tiverton. George Alvin; b. 23d April, 1858; d. 1 April, 1864. Edgar

T.; b. 10th June, 1860; d. 21st April, 1864. Herbert Alfred; b. 2d Feb., 1863. George Alvin; b. 10th June, 1865; d. 30th July, 1867. Carrie Jane; b. 8th Sept., 1868. Annie Elizabeth; b. 2d Feb., 1870. Jennie G.; b. 21st Nov., 1874.

III. 169. SUSAN CHURCH; b. 22d May, 1818; m., 5th Oct., 1839, Jesse Gardner, of Narragansett, and has children—Annie, George, Joseph and James—who live in Newport.

IV. 170. BETSEY COE; b. 10th Sept., 1820; m., 10th Aug., 1841, Joseph Hicks, of Westport; he d. 11 June, 1868; no issue.

V. 171. THOMAS; b. 16th June, 1822.

Thomas Briggs m., 2d April, 1844, Arethusa Harlow, of Barre, Mass., and has son—William H., who was b. 15th May, 1846; m., 26th May, 1869, Delia M. Howard.

III. 106. Tillinghast Briggs, of R. I.

Married, 19th Dec., 1813, Parnell, dau. of Job and Sarah (Church) Briggs, (see III. 96.) His children were—

I. 172. NANCY ADAMS; b. 1st Oct., 1814; d. 18th Jan., 1815.

II. 173. NANCY ADAMS; b. 25th Dec., 1815.

III. 174. CAROLINE LOUISA; b. 4th May, 1820; m. Asa Dean, of Somerset, Mass.

IV. 175. SARAH; b. 7th Aug., 1822; m. Allen Phillips, of New Bedford.

V. 176. JETHRO TILLINGHAST; b. 31st July, 1825; a printer in Providence.

SEVENTH GENERATION.

I. 108. Walter Briggs,

Married, ———, Mary Bussing, she died 1841; their children were—

I. 177. JOSIAH; b. at Fordham, 22d Feb., 1792; d. 2d Aug., 1866.

II. 178. MARY; b. at Fordham, 18th July, 1794; now (Jan., 1877) living; m. 19th Dec., 1812, Peter Valentine.

Mary Briggs; m., 19th Dec. 1812, Peter Valentine, who d. 1869, and had children—1, Catherine; 2, Josiah; 3, Sarah; 4, Mary; 5, Jane; 6, Dennis; 7, Walter; 8, Emily; 9, John; 10, Maria; 11, Amanda; 12, Elizabeth.

III. 179. PETER; b. at Fordham, 16th Dec., 1797; d. 9th Nov., 1876.

IV. 180. WALTER; b. at Fordham, 24th July, 1805; now (Jan., 1877), living at Harlem, N. Y.

II. 109. John Briggs,

Married ——; his children were—

I. 181. JOHN; b.——
II. 182. JOSIAH; b.——
} Went to Philadelphia to live when quite young, and shortly after deceased there.

III. 110. Edward Briggs,

Married ——; his children were—

I. 183. ISAAC W.; b. ——, 1794; d. 13th Aug., 1877.

II. 184. EDWARD F.; b. ——; no issue.

I. 112. Martha Briggs,

Married ——, Gilbert (son of Abraham Valentine); b. 18th Sept., 1747; d. 28th April, 1819; she was his second wife, his first having been a Mary Morgan, who d. 5th July, 1773, aged 25 y., 10 m., 5 d., leaving a son Abraham, who was b. 16th June, 1773; the children of Gilbert and Martha (Briggs) Valentine were—

I. 185. GILBERT; b. ——, 1774; d. 18th Sept., 1795.

II. 186. JOHN; b. ——; m. Mary Bussing.

III. 187. MARY; b. 15th Oct., 1789; d. 31st Oct., 1846.

IV. 188. MATTHIAS; b. 20th Oct. 1791; d. 13th Sept., 1833.

V. 189. SARAH; b. ——.

VI. 190. GILBERT; b. ——, 1799; d. 17th May, 1853.

IV. 115. Walter Briggs,

Married Eustatia, dau. of Gilbert and Euphemia (Honeywell) Williams, his step-sister, and had issue—

I. 191. HANNAH; b. 23d Dec., 1799; d. 8th Dec., 1872.

Hannah Briggs m., 13th Sept., 1821, Matthias, son of Gilbert and Martha (Briggs) Valentine, of East Chester, N. Y., and had children: Matthias; b. 6th Nov., 1824; d. 15th April, 1850. Thomas; b. 26th Dec., 1826; d. 31st Oct. 1848. Martha Jane; b. 28th Nov., 1822; d. 20th

June, 1845. Mary Elizabeth; b. 27th Dec., 1828; m. Peter M. Wilson, 28th June, 1854. Sarah Ann; b. 7th Oct., 1830; d. 29th April, 1872; unmarried. Eustatia; b. 22d Feb., 1832; d. 9th Jan., 1870; m., 3d Dec., 1851, Peter Briggs of Fordham, (IV. 267.)

II. 192. THOMAS J.; b. 5th Jan., 1801; d. 23d Mar., 1844.

V. 116. Elijah Briggs,

Married Elizabeth Horton, and had children—

I. 193. ELIZABETH.

II. 194. EMELINE.

III. 195. GILBERT VALENTINE; b. — Nov., 1813; d. — May, 1851.

IV. 196. MARY; m. John Burling, and had sons Augustus and John.

V. 197. CALEB HORTON.

VI. 198. ABRAHAM; left home in his youth, and never afterward heard of.

VI. 117. Hannah Briggs,

Married, 1798, Abraham, (b. 16th June, 1773; d. 7th June, 1858,) son of Gilbert and Mary (Morgan) Valentine, and had issue—

I. 199. ANNE DELIA; b. 23d June, 1802; m. Edward G. Faile, 1821.

II. 200. ABRAHAM; b. 10th May, 1804.

III. 201. HARRIET; b. 27th May, 1806; m. Gilbert Bates.

IV. 202. EDWARD BRIGGS; b. 25th Jan., 1809; d. 23d Sept., 1834.

V. 203. HANNAH; b. 9th March, 1811; d. 10th Dec., 1812.

VI. 204. JAMES; b. 10th June, 1813; d. 20th June, 1813.

VII. 205. SAMUEL MORGAN; b. 14th Nov., 1814; a physician in New York City.

VIII. 206. MARY JANE; b. 19th Sept., 1818; d. 10th Feb., 1825.

IX. 207. WILLIAM HENRY; b. 10th May, 1822; d. 13th Aug., 1836.

VII. 118. Samuel Briggs,

Had two wives; the first, Elizabeth (dau. of Isaac and Hannah (Vanderbeark) M. B. 2d Oct., 1765) Varian, whom he m. about 1803; she d. Jan., 1809. His second wife, whom he m. Feb., 1811, was Elizabeth, dau. of Frederick Brown. She was born 11th Nov., 1776; d. 10th Oct., 1845. His children were—by Elizabeth Varian:

I. 208. MARY ANN; b. 25th March, 1804; d. 10th March, 1862.

Mary Ann Briggs m., 11th May, 1829, Robert Stead, of New York City, who. d. 28th Jan., 1853, and had children: Sarah Elizabeth; b. 29th Sept., 1830. Edward Briggs; b. 2d Nov., 1833. Mary; b. 2d Aug., 1835; d. 22 Jan., 1839. Robert; b. 8th Sept., 1841; d. 27th Feb., 1847.

II. 209. ISAAC VARIAN; b. 12th Oct., 1805; d. 10th Dec., 1877.

III 210. EDWARD S.; b. 28th April, 1807; d. 17th Aug., 1815.

IV. 211. ELIZABETH; b. 16th Jan., 1809.

Elizabeth Briggs m., 16th Dec., 1829, Prince William (son of Isaac and Temperance) Paddock, b. 15th Dec., 1797, at South East, N. Y.; d. at Yonkers, N. Y., 2d Nov., 1853. Children: Walter Halsey; b. 29th Nov., 1830. William; b. 29th Jan., 1834; d. 13th July, 1837. Susan Emily; b. 12th Sept., 1836. Samuel Briggs; b. 8th April, 1840; d. 15th Sept., 1855. Edwin, b. 10th March, 1848; d. 18th March, 1848.

By Elizabeth Brown:

V. 212. JAMES MADISON; b. 8th Oct., 1813.

VI. 213. EMELINE COUTANT; b. 9th Oct., 1816.

Emeline Coutant Briggs m., 12th Oct., 1841, Gilbert Robinson, and had children: William; b. 15th Aug., 1842. Gilbert; b. 31st Jan., 1845. Elizabeth B.; b. 23d April, 1847; d. 26th Feb., 1874. Mary Emma; b. 25th May, 1850. James M. B.; b. 16th July, 1852. Samuel B.; b. 17th Aug., 1854; d. 19th June, 1857. Walter H. P.; b. 24th April, 1856.

THE WILL OF SAMUEL BRIGGS.

In the name of God, Amen:—I, Samuel Briggs, of the town and county of Westchester, in the State of New York, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, that is to say. *In the first place* I order and direct my Executors hereinafter named, to pay out of my personal property, that is to say, out of the money which I have or shall have at use or otherwise at the time of my decease, all my just debts and funeral charges.

In the second place I give and bequeath unto my two sons to-wit, Isaac V. Briggs and James M. Briggs jointly, their bond which I hold against them to secure to me the payment of the sum of three thousand dollars, with all the interest which may be due thereon at the time of my decease.

In the third place I do hereby give and bequeath unto my two daughters to-wit, Mary Ann Stead, widow of Robert Stead, of the City, County and State of New York, and Elizabeth Paddock, widow of Prince W. Paddock, of the town of Yonkers, County of Westchester aforesaid, each one equal third part of all the money which I now have or may have at use or at interest, or otherwise at the time of my decease, and of all money arising from the sale of all such real estate which I may be seized or possessed of—the time of my decease which I hereby direct to be sold at public auction or otherwise within two years after my decease, and of all my personal estate except that which is especially bequeathed in this my Will, after the payments of my debts as aforesaid, and except the sum of three thousand dollars, bequeathed to my two sons in the second place of this my Will, and the remaining one third of the monies above named out of which I have bequeathed to two of my daughters I do hereby give and bequeath to the heirs of my daughter Emeline C. Robinson, wife of Gilbert Robinson of the town of Westchester aforesaid, in the manner and form following, to-wit:

It is my will, and I hereby direct my executors hereinafter named, to place the said one-third of monies securely at interest, on Bond and Mortgage at legal rate, and that the interest accruing or arising therefrom be paid annually to my said daughter Emeline C. Robinson during her natural life, and after her decease, and dating from the time of her decease, should her said husband survive her, I will that an annuity of one hundred dollars per annum be paid out of said income or interest, to her said husband, Gilbert Robinson, until her youngest heir that shall arrive at the age of twenty one years, shall attain to that age, or until the time of said Gilbert Robinson's decease, should he not survive until such attainment of age of said heir, and I will that the balance of said interest after deducting said annuity, be paid for the support of said heirs of my said daughter Emeline C.

Robinson until they shall respectively arrive at the age of sixteen years, and on each heir's arriving at, or attaining the age of sixteen years, it is my will that such portion of interest as may accrue to each be added annually to his or her proportion of principal after the age of said sixteen years, and my Executors hereinafter named, retaining in trust so much of said principal as may be necessary to secure the payment of the said annuity. I will, that each heir on attaining, if a boy, to the age of twenty-one years, and if a girl, to the age of eighteen years, be paid one equal share of the principal after providing for the annuity aforesaid, with his or her proportion of the interest which may have accrued thereon, and that on the arrival or attainment of the last surviving heir to the age of twenty one years, then the annuity shall cease, and the whole of the remaining principal shall be equally divided among the said heirs of said Emeline C. Robinson, and in case of the decease of the said Gilbert Robinson before the said youngest surviving heir shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, then the annuity ceases at his death and the whole principal and interest shall be divided equally among the said heirs as they shall respectively arrive at the ages above specified, each one's proportion of interest to be paid as above specified, according to the time that each one's Share may have been at interest. But should an all-wise Providence so direct that my said daughter Emeline C. Robinson shall survive until all her heirs arrive at the respective ages of eighteen years and twenty-one years, then it is my Will that at her decease all the said one-third of monies hitherto in trust for her use to be divided equally among her surviving heirs.

In the Fourth place I order and direct and it is my will that my Executors hereinafter named be allowed the full term of two years from and thence next ensuing the date of my decease, in which to collect all money, or monies which may be due me by Bond or otherwise at the time of my decease, or to become due, and to dispose of and convert into money all such real estate as I may possess at the time of my decease, and to pay over, or put at interest said monies as directed and provided for in the third place of this, my Will.

In the Fifth place, I give and bequeath unto my said three daughters, to-wit: Mary Ann Stead, Elizabeth Paddock and Emeline C. Robinson, all and singular my household furniture of every description of which I may die possessed, to be divided equally among them by my Executors hereinafter named.

And Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons Isaac V. Briggs and James M. Briggs, and my friend James Bolton, Sen'r., of the Town of Westchester aforesaid, Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this **third* day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

Samuel Briggs [L. S.]

The word **third* in the date has a blotted appearance before execution.

Witness: D. B. TAYLOR.

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Samuel Briggs, in our presence, and acknowledged by him to each of us, and he at the same time declared the above instrument so subscribed to be his last Will and Testament, and we, at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other have signed our names hereto, and have written opposite our names our respective places of residence.

DAVID B. TAYLOR, No. 11 5th Street, Brooklyn, E. District.
JOHN R. HAYWARD, No. 47 East 11th Street, New York City.
MALTBY G. LANE, No. 84 Fourth Avenue, New York City.
D. T. STANIFORD, No. 56 Third Avenue, New York City.

VIII. 119. James Briggs,

Married, about the year 1805, Elizabeth, dau. of Moses and Bathsheba Quimby. She b. 7th March, 1787; d. 14th June, 1828. Their issue, born in New York City, were—

I. 214. ELIZA ANN; b. 4th Oct., 1806; d. 19th Feb., 1876.

II. 215. MARY; b. 29th March, 1808; m. Amos Rockwell, and has dau. Victoria, now living at Rochester, N. Y.

III. 216. BATHSHEBA; b. 9th (15) May, 1810; m. John Fowler; lives in Indiana.

IV. 217. HANNAH; b. 25th June, 1812; d. ———; has daughters living.

V. 218. DANIEL QUIMBY; b. 7th Feb., 1815.

VI. 219. ELIJAH PELL; b. 2d June, 1817.

VII. 220. ROBERT MCCOMBS; b. 6th Oct., 1819; d ———; has children living in New Hampshire.

VIII. 221. SAMUEL; b. 25th April, 1822; d., Philadelphia, 10th March, 1855.

IX. 222. EDWARD, } twins; b. 11th Mar., 1826; d. in infancy.
X. 223. GEORGE, }

X. 121. Philip Honeywell Briggs,

Married, 7th March, 1806, Phebe, dau. of John Ryer, of Fordham, N. Y. She b. at Fordham, 4th May, 1788; d. at Philadelphia, 1st April, 1866. Children:

I. 224. WILLIAM H.; b. 21st Oct., 1807.

II. 225. DANIEL D.; b. 23d July, 1809; d. 3d July, 1876, Catskill, N. Y.

III. 226. ABRAHAM V.; b. 2d Jan., 1812; d. 8th May, 1812.

IV. 227. LAWRENCE DECATUR; b. 30th Aug., 1813; d. 8th May, 1874, Philadelphia.

V. 228. PHEBE; b. 4th May, 1816.

VI. 229. EUPHEMIA; b. 22d March, 1818.

VII. 230. LAVINIA RYER; b. 27th April, 1821.

VIII. 231. MARGARET HUNT; b. 15th July, 1825; d. 28th July, 1871, Philadelphia.

IX. 232. ANN ELIZA; b. 3d April, 1828.

I. 123. Ebenezer Briggs,

Married, ———, Mary Hunt, and had issue—

I. 233. ELIZA JANE.

II. 234. SALLY ANN.

VIII. 130. Edward B. Briggs,

Married, 7th Feb., 1811, Hannah M. Brown, b. 11th April, 1788. Their children were:

I. 235. REBECCA; b. 20th Nov., 1811.

Rebecca Briggs m., 21st May, 1840, Leonard Scott, Esq., of New York, b. 30th July, 1810, and has dau. Eva, b. 9th Nov., 1849.

II. 236. MARY; b. 27th Feb., 1813; unmarried.

III. 237. MATILDA; b. 3d April, 1814; m., 7th May, 1869, Reuben Provost; no issue.

IV. 238. GEORGE F.; b. 21st Oct., 1815; d. — April, 1877.

V. 239. FRANCENA; b. 10th Sept., 1817.

Francena Briggs m., 1, 13th Oct., 1838, Dr. Richard K. Frost; he d. 1839. 2, 12th March, 1843, Thomas M. Partridge, Esq., of New York, and had children: Edward B.; b. Nov., 1844. Helen; b. March, 1849; d. Aug., 1849. Harry F., b. Oct., 1854; d. Aug., 1858.

VI. 240. ELIZABETH; b. 4th July, 1819; unmarried.

VII. 241. AMANDA; b. 2d May, 1821; d. 30th May, 1853 (1855?).

VIII. 242. WILLIAM E.; b. 30th March, 1823.

IX. 243. EBENEZER SLOCUM BURLING; b. 28th Sept., 1825.

X. 244. JOHN T.; b. 10th Sept., 1828.

XI. 245. THOMAS JEFFERSON; b. 13th June, 1832.

X. 132. Frederick Briggs,

Married, May, 1831, Eliza (dau. of Samuel and Mary) Bunce, b. at Islip, N. Y., 30th Sept., 1812. Children:

I. 246. SUSAN F.; b. at New York, 20th Jan., 1838; d. at East Chester, N. Y., 24th July, 1865.

II. 247. EMILY B.; b. at Cold Spring, N. Y., 20th Feb., 1842; m. —— Headley.

III. 248. SAMUEL B.; b. at New York, 8th July, 1845; lives at Washington, D. C.; unmarried.

IV. 249. MORDECAI; b. at New York, 26th June, 1848; d. Sept., 1849.

XVII. 139. Samuel Briggs,

Married, April, 1847, Caroline Pettit. She d. 28th Jan., 1853, leaving children—

I. 250. GEORGE; b. 22d Sept., 1848; d. 21st Nov., 1852.

II. 251. JANE AUGUSTA; b. 3d Jan., 1851; m., 6th Jan., 1874, Thomas Burchill, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Eighth Generation.

I. 177. Josiah Briggs, of Fordham, N. Y.

Married Maria Valentine, of West Chester, N. Y., and had issue—

I. 252. Lydia Ann; b. 17th April, 1817; d. 3d March, 1819.
II. 253. Harriet; b. 11th March, 1820; m. Allan Varian, 6th Jan., 1838.
III. 254. John V.; b. 9th April, 1822.
IV. 255. Walter; b. 29th Aug., 1824; d. 12th March, 1858.
V. 256. James T.; b. 28th Jan., 1827; d. 12th May, 1862
VI. 257. Isaac W.; b. 31st March, 1829.
VII. 258. George; b. 7th April, 1831.
VIII. 259. Samuel; b. 7th June, 1833.
IX. 260. Josiah; b. 8th April, 1835.
X. 261. Dennis; b. 3d May, 1837; d. 30th April, 1838.
XI. 262. Charles C.; b. 17th Feb., 1839.
XII. 263. Lewis; b. 23d May, 1842; d. 13th April, 1864; unmarried.

III. 179. Peter Briggs, of Fordham, N. Y.

Married, 19th Nov., 1823, Sarah Bussing. She d. 31st Jan., 1863. Their children were:

I. 264. Mary; b. 8th March, 1825; d. 19th Sept., 1846; unmarried.
II. 265. John B.; b. 6th Dec., 1826.
III. 266. Sarah Ann; b. 7th Jan., 1828; d. 9th Dec., 1866; unmarried.
IV. 267. Peter; b. 14th April, 1831; m. Eustatia Valentine, (see I. 191.)
V. 268. Edward; b. 24th Nov., 1833; d. 26th Feb., 1835.
VI. 269. William H.; b. 29th Oct., 1835.
VII. 270. Elizabeth; b. 8th July, 1837; no issue.
VIII. 271. Walter; b. 9th May, 1839; d. 16th Feb., 1863; unmarried.
IX. 272. Edward; b. 28th Aug., 1842; d. 1st Sept., 1859; unmarried.
X. 273. Emily; b. 8th Nov., 1844; m. Alonzo Fogle.
XI. 274. Jane; b. 30th July, 1847; unmarried.
XII. 275. Matilda; b. 12th Sept., 1850; d. 14th Nov., 1852.
XIII. 276. Benjamin; b. 16th Nov., 1851; d. ——— 1854.

IV. 180. Walter Briggs, of Fordham, N. Y.

Married, 18th April, 1832, Sarah, dau. of Dennis and Sarah (Bussing) Valentine, and now (1877) resides in Harlem, N. Y. He was for many years a butcher, doing business in Essex Market, New York City. His children were:

I. 277. SARAH MATILDA; b. 25th Feb., 1833.

II. 278. MARY ELIZABETH; b. 2d Dec., 1837.

I. 183. Isaac W. Briggs, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Was thrice married, but the names of his wives I have been unable to ascertain, although I maintained a correspondence with him nearly to the date of his decease. He was, I believe, a mason by trade, and formerly resided at 145 Suffolk street, New York. His children were—

I. 279. CATHARINE S.; b. 5th Sept., 1820; living in New York.

II. 280. MARIA L.; b. 22d Nov., 1828; living in Brooklyn, N. Y.

III. 281. BATHSHEBA; b. 14th Sept., 1833; living in Brooklyn, N. Y.

IV. 282. EDWARD F.; b. 1st June, 1836; living in Brooklyn, N. Y.

V. 283. ISAAC W.; b. — Dec., 1841; living in Brooklyn, N. Y.

VI. 284. JAMES W.; b. 9th Feb., 1844; living in Brooklyn, N. Y.

II. 192. Thomas J. Briggs,

Married, 19th Nov., 18—, Jane Esler, (b. 19th Nov., 1806,) and had—

I. 285. EVALINE; b. 11th Dec., 1837; m. Charles Leviness, 9th April, 1873.

II. 286. CATHARINE A.; b. 19th Dec., 1839; unmarried.

III. 195. Gilbert V. Briggs,

Married, — Nov., 1841, Jane Atwood, (b. 1st Jan., 1810; now—1877—living at Harlem, N. Y.,) and had children—

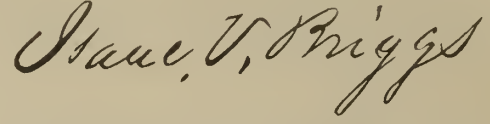
I. 287. ELIJAH; b. 25th Dec., 1842.

II. 288. MARTHA HORTON; b. 11th May, 1847; d. in infancy.

III. 289. ELIZABETH U.; b. ———; now (1877) living; unmarried.

II. 209. Isaac Varian Briggs,

Married, 4th June, 1840, Elizabeth, dau. of Richard and Clarissa (White) Barker; she born Monday, 27th Feb., 1819; d. 28th Feb., 1875. Isaac V. Briggs was born at Yonkers, and lived on his father's farm near Williams' Bridge, N. Y., until he was twenty-one years of age, when he went to New York city and engaged in the grocery business. He kept a store on the corner of Hester and Norfolk streets, in the 13th ward, for a few years, then built a store and residence on the corner of Suffolk and Hester streets, where nearly all of his children were born. He sold out his business at the latter place, and went into the wholesale trade at 226 Fulton street in partnership with Abraham B. Valentine. At the close of the partnership he again engaged in the retail business at the corner of East Broadway and Clinton street, removing his residence from the "old homestead" in the 13th ward to the house 225 East Broadway, which he purchased of Jeremiah L. Sackett, Esq. Thence he removed to Brooklyn, about the year 1863, where he resided with his brother-in-law, Titus Barker, at 10 Tompkins Place, from which place he removed to Harlem, where he resided at 235 East 124th street, until his decease. Shortly after the removal to Harlem he retired from active business.



He was emphatically an industrious man, ambitious for the well-being of his family, stern yet kind-hearted, loving and charitable. Inflexibly honest in word and deed, and though he gave no adhesion to the creed of any church, his whole life was governed by the principle which should be the foundation of all religion, "Do unto others as you would that others should do unto you."

He died on the 10th Dec., 1877, having lived beyond the allotted "three score years and ten," sincerely regretted by all who knew him, and mourned by his children, who looked upon him as one of the best of fathers.

His wife, who deceased nearly three years previously, was most happily constituted for the helpmeet of her husband. Like him, she was possessed of most indomitable energy, and ably seconded his efforts for the promotion of the welfare of his house. Her whole life was a chapter of sacrifices for her family and friends, and in her decease the mantle of sorrow overspread the hearts of all the many to whom she was endeared by the numerous acts of kindness with which her life was filled.

Their children, all of whom were born in the city of New York, were—

I. 290. Samuel (S. J.); b. 12th April, 1841.

II. 291. ELIZABETH EVELYN; b. 5th Jan., 1843.

Elizabeth Evelyn Briggs m., 12th Oct., 1865, Edward P., eldest son of Jeremiah and Harriet (Leland) Robins, and has children: Harriet Leland, b. 9th Sept., 1866; Elizabeth Barker, b. 11th Jan., 1868; Ida, b. 19th Jan., 1873; Jeremiah, b. 5th Oct., 1875.

III. 292. GENEVIEVE AUGUSTA; b. 6th Jan., 1845; d. 29th Dec., 1849.

IV. 293. ISAAC VARIAN, JR.; b. 1st Dec., 1846; d. 30th May, 1871; unmarried.

V. 294. MARY JANE LOCKHART; b. 9th Dec., 1848.

Mary Jane Lockhart Briggs m., 27th Jan., 1875, Albert Riblet, of New York City, and has one daughter, Mary Varian, b. 23d May, 1876.

VI. 295. ROBERT STEAD; b. 19th Oct., 1850.

VII. 296. FRANK PIERCE; b. 31st Oct., 1852; d. 3d Feb., 1864.

VIII. 297. GENEVIEVE AUGUSTA; b. 26th Jan., 1855.

IX. 298. EDWARD; b. 11th Jan., 1860; d. 17th March, 1861.

X. 299. EDWARD; b. 17th Aug., 1862.

V. 212. James M. Briggs,

Married, 18th Oct., 1858, Susannah L. (yo. dau. Lewis and Margaret Jones), b. 7th May, 1825, at Nantyr Glyn, Denbighshire, Wales. J. M. Briggs now resides at the home of his brother-in-law, Lewis Jones, near Mount Vernon, N. Y. He is not engaged in any active business. Their children are—

I. 300. MARGARET ELIZABETH; b. 24th Dec., 1859.

II. 301. SUSAN EMILY; b. 3d April, 1862.

V. 218. Daniel Quimby Briggs,

Of New York City, m., 23d Oct., 1842, Sarah S. Fellows, b. in New Hampshire 23d Feb., 1824; d. at New York City 16th Dec., 1876. Their children were—

I. 302. AMELIA E.; b. 5th Feb., 1844.

II. 303. SARAH JANE; b. 8th Jan., 1847; d. 13th Nov., 1854.

III. 304. DANIEL QUIMBY; b. 21st Aug., 1848; d. 9th Aug., 1849.

IV. 305. MARY JOSEPH; b. 3d June, 1850; d. 4th Aug., 1851.

V. 306. HENRY F., b. 14th March, 1851; d. 15th Nov., 1854.

VI. 307. MARY JANE; b. 13th March, 1855.

VII. 308. FRANCES JULIETT; b. 22d June, 1858; d. 20th Feb., 1873.

VIII. 309. ELIJAH PELL; b 21st Nov., 1861.

IX. 310. HATTIE FRANCES; b. 24th July, 1867.

VI. 219. Elijah Pell Briggs,

Married, 11th May, 1842, Elizabeth Ostrom, and is now living in New York City. Their children were—

I. 311. ELIZABETH JANE; m. Louis A. Jackson, 27th Oct., 1870.

II. 312. JOSEPHINE; m. Samuel H. Cornell, 23d Nov., 1867.

III. 313. MARY LOUISE; deceased.

IV. 314. KATE AUGUSTA; unmarried.

VII. 220. Robert McCombs Briggs,

Married, 18th Jan., 1843, Mary F. Fellows, and had son—

I. 315. SAMUEL.

VIII. 221. Samuel Briggs,

Born 25th April, 1824, (former mentioned date incorrect,) moved to Philadelphia, where he married, 2d September, 1851, Anna M. Miller, dau. of Frederick William and Caroline (Newman) Miller, of Philadelphia. He was a merchant tailor, and was lost on a steamer which was burned between Philadelphia and Camden, 15th March, 1856. His children were—

I. 316. ELIZABETH; b. 4th May, 1852; d. 5th April, 1857.

II. 317. CAROLINE; b. 6th Dec., 1853; resides in Philadelphia.

III. 318. SAMUEL; b. 8th Jan., 1856; resides in Philadelphia.

I. 224. William H. Briggs,

Formerly a grocer in New York City; m., 26th Nov., 1828, Louisa, dau. of Thomas Hoff, of Raritan, Monmouth county, N. J. He emigrated to Hopedale, Tazewell county, Ills., in April, 1838, where he now resides. His children were—

I. 319. HANNAH V. W.; b. 14th Sept., 1829.

II. 320. JANE E.; b. 18th May, 1833.

III. 321. ELMIRA; b. 12th June, 1837; d. 11th May, 1838.

IV. 322. CECELIA; b. 30th Aug., 1840.

V. 323. WILLIAM H., JR.; b. ———.

VI. 324. PHEBE R.; b. 2d Oct., 1845; d. 24th Jan., 1871.

II. 225. Daniel D. Briggs,

Was a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., and of some prominence in the city government there. He married, 7th March, 1832, Sarah Ann, (b. 1st Feb., 1812,) dau. of John O. and Mary S. Stillwell, of Monmouth county, N. J. His children were—

I. 325. CATHARINE S.; b. 24th Feb., 1833, New York City.

II. 326. PHILIP H.; b. 14th Dec., 1834, New York City.

III. 327. MARY S.; b. 4th Nov., 1836, New York City.

IV. 328. JOHN O. S.; b. 22d Oct., 1838, Monmouth county, N. J.; d. 31st March, 1858, at Brooklyn, N. Y.

V. 329. HARRIET E.; b. 20th May, 1842, New York City; d. 30th July, 1867, at Brooklyn, N. Y.

VI. 330. DANIEL D., JR.; b. 28th April, 1844, New York City; d. 4th Feb., 1872, at New Orleans, La.

VII. 331. ROBERT ARMSTRONG; b. 9th July, 1847, New York City; d. 19th Nov., 1852, at Brooklyn, N. Y.

VIII. 332. ELLA A.; b. 11th Feb., 1850, New York City.

IV. 238. George F. Briggs,

A grocer at Williams' Bridge, N. Y., m., 21st April, 1844, Eliza Berrian, and had issue—

I. 333. LOUISA; b. 27th April, 1845; d. 14th Jan., 1846.

II. 334. GEORGIANNA; b. 28th Nov., 1846; unmarried.

III. 335. IDA; b. 15th March, 1848; m., 27th Oct., 1869, Robert McTurck, of Williams' Bridge, N. Y.

VIII. 242. William E. Briggs,

A grocer at one time, and still a resident of New York City, m., 22d May, 1846, Laura Pettengill, and had issue—

I. 336. WILLIAM AUGUSTUS; b. 27th Jan., 1847.

II. 337. FRANCESCA AUGUSTA; b. 2d Jan., 1849.

III. 338. LIZZIE GERTRUDE; b. 17th Oct., 1855.

IV. 339. LAURA ADELINE; b. 19th Aug., 1864.

IX. 243. Ebenezer Slocum Burling Briggs,

Married, 1st, 4th Feb., 1849, Amanda Melvina Hull, who d. 1st Nov., 1865; m. 2d, Nov. 2d, 1866, Mary Augusta Hull, sister of his first wife. Their children were—

I. 340. CELIA AMANDA; b. 26th Feb., 1856; d. 28th April, 1856.
II. 341. EDWARD B.; b. 8th Feb., 1857.
III. 342. LEONARD SCOTT; b. 9th Oct., 1859.
IV. 343. FRANCES AUGUSTA; b. 28th March, 1861.
V. 344. FRANCENA MATILDA; b 20th Sept., 1862.
VI. 345. CELIA AMANDA; b. 21st May, 1864; d. 30th Aug., 1865.
VII. 346. ANNE AMELIA; b. 17th July, 1867.
VIII. 347. MARY AMANDA; b. 21st Nov., 1869.
IX. 348. A daughter; b. ———.

X. 244. John T. Briggs,

Resides at Williams' Bridge, N. Y., and m., 16th Sept., 1855, Sarah Ann Harris, and has son—

I. 349. NOBLE HARRIS; b. 15th Dec., 1862.

XI. 245. Thomas Jefferson Briggs,

Resides in New York City; married, 2d June, 1863, Imogen Collins, and has—

I. 350. WARREN C.; b. 13th May, 1864.
II. 351. EVELYN; b. 8th June, 1866.
III. 352. A daughter; b. ———.

Ninth Generation.

III. 254. John V. Briggs,

Resides at Fordham, N. Y., and m., 1st, 25th Nov., 1847, Sarah Jane Ackerman, who d. 31st July, 1866; 2d, 6th Nov., 1867, Sarah Ann Tappen, and their children were—

I. 353. Harriet A.; b. 18th Aug., 1848; m., 10th July, 1866, George W. Sherwood; 1 ch.

II. 354. Marietta; b. 16th Dec., 1850; unmarried.

III. 355. Josiah A.; b. 6th Dec., 1852; m., 15th March, 1876, Julia Wheatley.

IV. 356. Emma; b. 14th May, 1857; unmarried.

IV. 255. Walter Briggs,

Married, 5th Dec., 1850, Elizabeth Anderson, and had—

I. 357. William H.; b. 22d Feb., 1853.

II. 358. Alfred A.; b. 28th April, 1855.

V. 256. James T. Briggs,

Married, 1st, ———, 1847, Lavinia Berrian; 2d, 16th Nov., 1853, Tamar L. Varian, and had—

I. 359. Maria A.; b. 8th Jan., 1848.

II. 360. Albert W.; b. 31st Dec., 1849.

III. 361. George A.; b. 11th Sept., 1854.

VI. 257. Isaac W. Briggs, of Fordham, N. Y.

Married, 17th Jan., 1858, Sarah Ann Williams, and had—

I. 362. Fannie Estelle; b. 13th Oct., 1864.

II. 363. Fordham; b. 31st July, 1872.

VII. 258. George Briggs,

Married, 15th Oct., 1855, Kate Fisher, and had—

I. 364. LYDIA F.; b. 20th May, 1857.

II. 365. GEORGE H.; b. 18th March, 1860.

III. 366. LEWIS F.; b. 1st Jan., 1865.

IV. 367. JOHN B.; b. 9th May, 1868; d. 2d Jan., 1869.

V. 368. MAUD W.; b. 14th March, 1870; d. 24th Feb., 1872.

VI. 369. HOLMES ODELL; b. 31st Dec., 1872; d. 16th July, 1874.

VII. 370. AGNES S.; 27th June, 1876.

VIII. 259. Samuel Briggs,

Married, 20th Nov., 1855, Elizabeth J. Tiebout, and had issue—

I. 371. MARIA; b. 20th Oct., 1856; d. 7th April, 1859.

II. 372. EMILIE T.; b. 12th Aug., 1858.

III. 373. FRANK; b. 25th July, 1860.

IV. 374. SAMUEL B.; b. 26th Aug., 1865.

IX. 260. Josiah Briggs,

Married, 27th Feb., 1867, Anna M. Swartz, and had children—

I. 375. WALTER D.; b. 23d Nov., 1867.

II. 376. JANE E.; b. 6 Nov., 1869; d. 20th July, 1870.

III. 377. FREDERICK J.; b. 8th July, 1874.

XI. 262. Charles C. Briggs,

Married, 4th Aug., 1860, Elizabeth (Anderson) Briggs, widow of his brother Walter, (IV. 255,) and had—

I. 378. MATILDA D.; b. 24th July, 1865.

II. 265. John B. Briggs, of Fordham, N. Y.

Married, 22d Nov., 1853, Mary E. Valentine, and had—

I. 379. EVA A.; b. 17th Feb., 1855.

II. 380. MARY L.; b. 9th Jan., 1857.

III. 381. EDGAR V.; b. 28th Dec., 1861.
IV. 382. ARTHUR E.; b. 3d Sept., 1865.
V. 383. HARRY; b. 27th Dec., 1867.
VI. 384. FREDERICK; b. 24th Dec., 1871; d. 9th March, 1872.
VII. 385. CLARENCE; b. 14th Dec., 1873.

IV. 267. Peter Briggs,

Resides at William's Bridge, N. Y.; was formerly a butcher, and later a blacksmith there. He m., 3d Dec., 1851, Eustatia, dau. of Hannah (I. 191) Briggs and Matthias Valentine. Eustatia d. 9th Jan., 1870, having had issue—

I. 386. HANNAH; deceased.
II. 387. PETER.
III. 388. EMILY; deceased.
IV. 389. MARTHA J.

VI. 284. James W. Briggs,

Of Brooklyn, N. Y.; m. ———, and has issue—

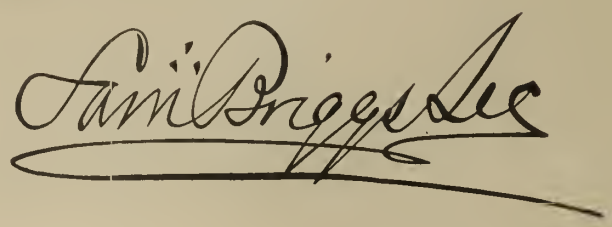
I. 390. CHARLES; b. 8th Sept., 1874.
II. 391. WILLIAM; b. — May, 1876.

I. 290. Samuel (S. J.) Briggs,

Now a resident of Cleveland, O.; to which place he removed in 1865. For a few years previous to this date, and until the year 1873, was engaged in the railroad business in various capacities in the States of Ohio and Pennsylvania. In Feb., 1873, was chosen Secretary of the Northern Ohio Fair Association, which position he now holds. He has also held the Secretaryship of the Masonic Temple Association since its organization in 1871; was Secretary and Treasurer of the Euclid Avenue Opera House during its corporate existence, and is now Secretary of the Union Club, Cleveland (trotting) Club and Forest City Jockey Club. In the fall of 1877 he was honored by a nomination for the important position of Treasurer of Cuyahoga county, by the Democratic Convention, and despite the fact that the county is generally Republican by a majority of *three thousand*, was defeated by a majority of but *two hundred and fourteen*. He is now (in addition to the above employments) a partner in the printing establishment of Fairbanks, Briggs & Co. He has been prominently identified with the Masonic

fraternity of Cleveland since 1868, and was secretary to the committee having charge of the arrangements for the "Triennial Conclave of Knights Templar," which convened at Cleveland in August, 1877, and which was the largest assemblage of the character ever known. He married, 1st June, 1865, Ada L., eldest daughter of Beals and Mary Jane (Chapman) Thomas, b. 26th May, 1846, at Stafford Springs, Conn. Children:

I. 392. ISAAC VARIAN; b. 27th Oct., 1875; d. in infancy.



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I. 356. William H. Briggs,

Married, 24th Dec., 1872, Ida Carpenter, and had issue—

I. 393. GUSSIE A.; b. 2d Oct., 1874.

II. 394. CHARLES A.; b. 28th Oct., 1876.

IN CONCLUSION,

It is hoped that the recipient of this book has been amply repaid by its perusal, as the compiler has endeavored to make it more interesting and entertaining than a *directory*. It might have contained much more information, but for the reasons given in the preface.

However, should these few pages act as an incentive for a more thorough and general inquiry into the ancestry of the various branches of the now numerous "Briggs family," the information herein contained will not have been collated in vain.

The author would be pleased to furnish, (gratis) from his collections such information as they may contain, to such as might desire to prosecute further inquiry in order to establish their own particular lineage, and to this end would solicit correspondence; and he would likewise especially desire all those in possession of facts regarding the family, or those who may be able to add to, or correct any of the statements herein contained, to communicate them as early as may be convenient.

As this, I believe, is the first publication of the kind in regard to the family, there may perchance be some who may regret the appearance of even this trifle—to such, I would offer this consolation--there have been but two hundred copies published.

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